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REPORTER

Besides the general elections on Nov. 6, the CNMI is headed for a special election for a third Saipan senatorial seat on the same day and a likely gubernatorial runoff race a few days later if none of those seeking the highest elected post gets at least 50 percent plus one of the votes cast, officials told *Saipan Tribune*.

Independent gubernatorial candidate Heinz S. Hofschneider and his running mate, Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan), filed their candidacies on Friday, setting the stage for a four-way gubernatorial race.

As of Saturday, over 72 individuals have filed their candidacies.

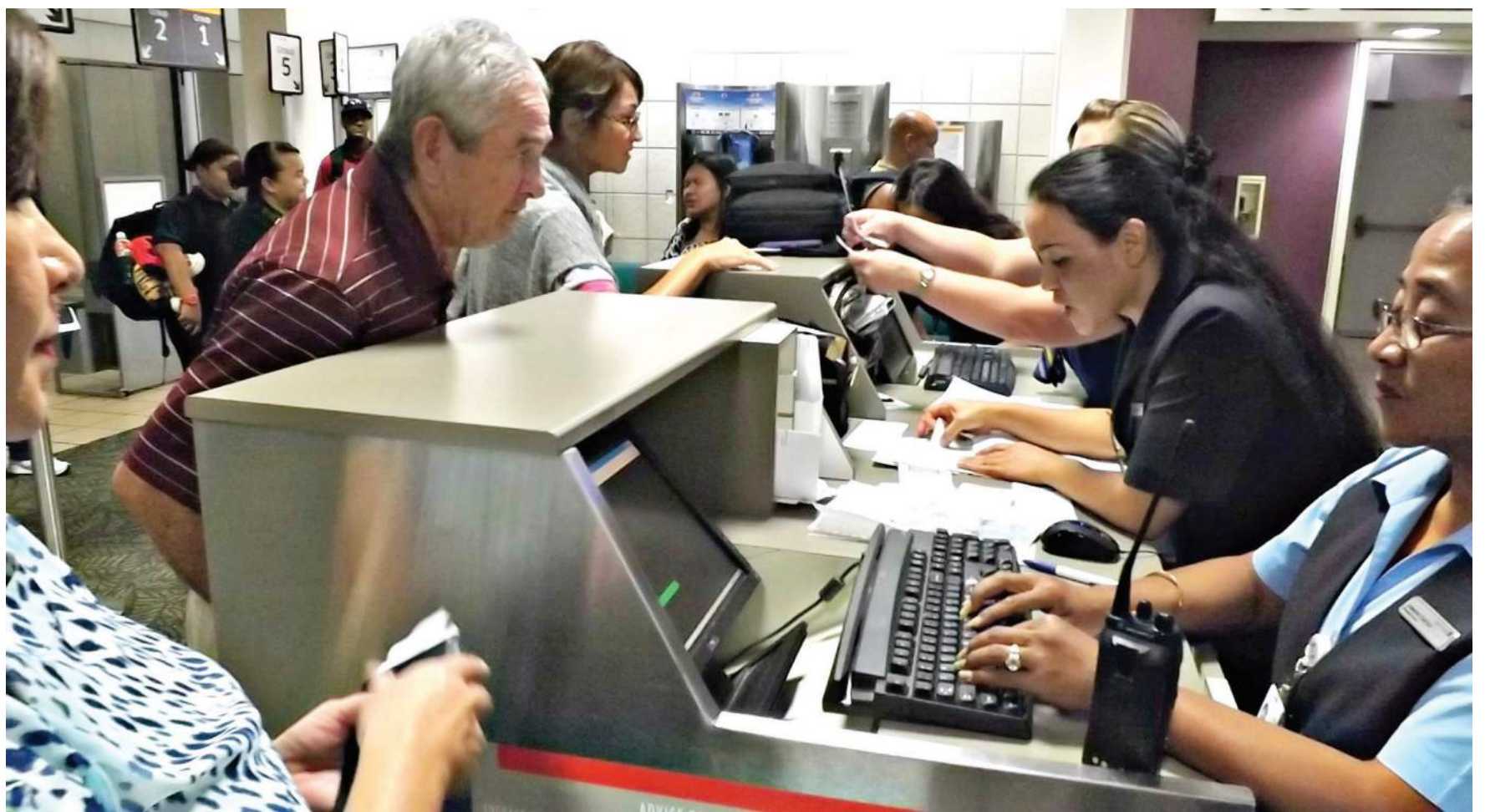
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Tour guides and operators now under MVA's regulatory power

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law a bill authorizing the Marianas Visitors Authority to regulate tour operators and tour guides to ensure the highest level of professionalism and service by developing a standard of conduct

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FRUSTRATION AND DESPERATION

Cape Air/United Airlines employees struggle to check in disgruntled passengers clamoring for a seat on United's Boeing 737 during last Thursday's flight from Guam to Saipan. According to a United Airlines statement, it said it will continue assisting Cape Air with extra flights to maintain its Guam-Saipan service. United operated the extra flights between Guam and Saipan on Aug. 1 and Aug. 2. United customers can check the latest status of their flights at united.com or by calling United Reservations at 1-800-UNITED-1 (1-800-864-8331). Cape Air has been having a spate of flight cancellations since July 25 due to "mechanical issues." Several customers on these flight told *Saipan Tribune* that they were rescheduled for seven days later. "They have a habit of doing this even before the typhoon weather. I can't believe it!" one passenger exclaimed. Customers trying to contact the United Airlines office in Guam said that their phone calls were not answered and that they had to visit the airport at 6am to reschedule their flight. One passenger said the airline expected passengers with cancelled flights due to Typhoon Halong to drive to the Guam office to pick up a voucher.

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Guest workers' kids urged to 'step up' and voice concerns

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An advocate group of young voters was formed Friday to address the plight of U.S. citizen children of guest workers who have been separated from their parents or who were forced to leave their island home after their parents lost their jobs and had to go back to their home countries.

According to organizer Irene Tantiado, the group of 12 also discussed efforts to get more youths like themselves to register as voters.

She said the initial meeting

gathered 12 core members, all of whom are above 18 years old and are registered voters.

Tantiado said that, while she organized the meeting, it was the youth themselves who led the discussions and came up with the idea of organizing themselves into a group and electing officers.

Julius Reyes was elected chairman of the group, while Lawrence Deleon Guerrero became vice chairman and Aaron Paul Roque was elected secretary.

In an interview, Roque, who turns 20 in August, said that while the group is not yet official—they have yet to settle on

a name, social media, or phone contacts—they think it is important to voice out their concerns.

“Our teenagers, our youth, are the next governors, the next teachers, the next professionals, so why not get involved now? Step up,” he said.

Roque said they wish to voice their concerns for better status for guest workers.

“[Guest workers] have stayed on island for a long time, and if you would be reasonable and logical, they have already contributed a lot to the islands,” he said.

He said that, like other members of the group, he personally

knows of a friend whose parents' status eventually will force her to live on her own on island.

According to Roque, the group for now does not support a party or candidate for this year's elections, nor do they intend to tell their members who to vote for. Instead, they wish to educate themselves and other youth on their rights and options.

“It's important for us to help out some youth that don't know about their right to vote, to practice voting, to be involved,” Roque said.

Tantiado said that of the thousands of registered voters on is-

land, there are many more who are unregistered.

According to Roque, the group hopes to meet this week, with a working date of Friday set.

The next meeting, according to him, will be to finalize the group's name, as well as map out their agenda. He said their group's age range as of now is

from 18 to 20 years old.

Last week's meeting was held at a member's Anaks apartment residence.

Tantiado said the venue for this week's meeting is yet to be set.

For more information about this week's meeting, or voter registration in general, call Tantiado at 989-0258.

Head Start coordinator to help improve classroom instruction

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A new position created within the Public School System's Head Start Program will seek to improve quality of instruction in the Commonwealth's preschool classrooms.

Under the newly revised organization chart, amended in a PSS board meeting last month, the practice-based coach coordinator will serve as an on-site overseer of teachers in classroom on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

In an interview last week, Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero described the coordinator's role as one of a “master teacher” who would tap his or her own experiences in mentoring teachers within the Head Start program.

Melissa Palacios, director of the Head Start program, earlier said the role will help ensure school-readiness as teachers will receive additional support in conducting their instructions in the classroom.

She said the coordinator will provide one-on-one coaching with the teachers, make observations during teacher instruction, and assess the quality of feedback between teacher and child.

“As result of the data collected, we'll make recommendations for additional program improvement in support of school readiness,” she said.

The coordinator, according to her, will be required to assess classrooms daily, consult and coach teachers, provide individualized teacher plans for improvements, and report back to Head Start administration on observations collected.

“We plan to do a pre-observation as soon as school opens and then come back to report on what the classrooms look like, how the teachers are performing in the classroom with regard to the teacher-child interactions and then from there we will put a plan together with regards to where the teachers need more support, which centers, which classrooms [need more support],” Palacios said.

Guerrero said even teachers who have been teaching a long time could benefit from this mentorship.

He likened the program to the PowerWalkthrough mentor and coaching program used in grades K-12.

According to Palacios, there will be one coordinator observing classrooms on all three islands.

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Responders unable to approach grounded ship near Cocos Island



USCG

On the morning of July 30, 2014, Coast Guard Sector Guam received a report that the 49-foot, Japanese flagged, fishing vessel Take Maru 55 went aground on the west side of Cocos Island with six crewmembers aboard. The six individuals disembarked the vessel and swam to Cocos Island to seek shelter from the effects of Tropical Storm Halong.

COCOS ISLAND, Guam—A unified command consisting of Guam Environmental Protection Agency, the vessel owner's representative, and Coast Guard Sector Guam met on July 31, 2014, to begin preliminary discussions regarding the response for the grounded fishing vessel near Cocos Island.

On July 31, 2014, the captain of the Port Guam established a 400-yard safety zone around the grounded vessel. This is an exclusion zone and mariners are not authorized within the zone at any time. Mariners, rec-

reational boaters, and persons are advised to exercise extreme caution in areas in the vicinity around the safety zone due to the dangers associated with a grounded vessel.

Weather conditions have continued to prevent responders from reaching the vessel's location in order to conduct an on-site assessment. The high surf has made conditions unsafe for responders to approach the vessel by small boat. Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 was able to conduct an over-flight to aid in assessing the situation. It

is likely that responders will not be able to reach the scene until early this week when weather conditions are forecasted to improve. The National Weather Service has a high surf advisory in effect and advises that conditions will likely remain hazardous through Monday night. The surf is forecasted to be seven to 10 feet for today and gradually decrease over the next few days.

The six crewmembers had no medical incidents and were safely rescued by Guam Fire and Rescue. (PR)

Magnitude 5 quake hits near Saipan

An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.0 on the Richter scale hit the Marianas island chain at 4:10am on Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, according to the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

In a notice on Friday, the agency said the temblor was located at latitude 14.8 degrees north and 145.5 degrees east, which is about 27 miles south southwest of Saipan and 8 miles south southeast of Tinian.

No tsunami watch or warn-

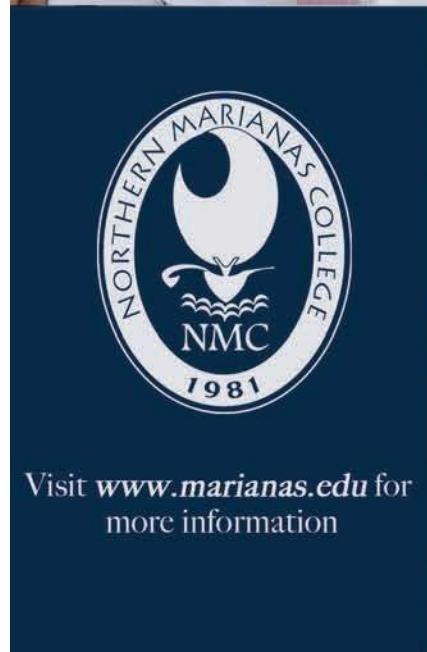
ing was in effect for the entire CNMI as of this time.

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management said it will be monitoring this earthquake and will be issuing bulletins as they become available. (PR)



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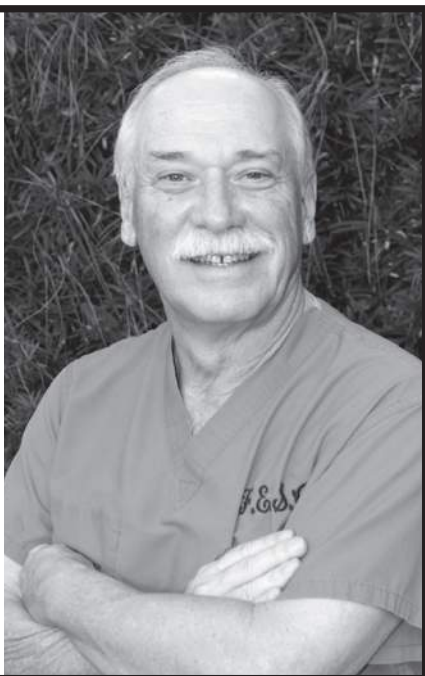
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Hospital conducts third phase of EHR system on Rota, Tinian

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp is doing the final tweaks for the final rollout of its new Electronic Health Records, this time by doing a test run on both Tinian and Rota over the last week.

CHCC's chief financial officer Jack Taisague disclosed that CHCC is now looking at implementing the system for both outpatient and Tinian and Rota locations.

"For this reason, the chief executive officer [Esther Muña] sent a team this week to assess the Tinian and Rota sites and the information technology group to do a site assessment to determine the equipment needed for a successful rollout," Taisague said.

He said they also needed to determine the strength of the network capabilities on both islands.

The assessment reviewed the financial processes and changes that are needed to help make the EHR rollout successful. CHCC's Information Technology director Anthony Reyes checked out the operational requirements for EHR and determined the equipment needed, as well as adequate wiring for the "influx of new work stations,

printers and related equipment."

According to Taisague, Reyes determined that CHCC will be ready to get what needs to be taken care of and that the main issue is the strength and viability of the Internet connection.

"IT is working on solutions to bringing both islands online and live to the hospital's system for the first time ever," Taisague said.

He said the University of Hawaii is teaming up with CHCC's staff for the implementation of the EHR system.

During the assessment on Rota and Tinian, Stephanie

» Assessment done on both islands for equipment, network capabilities

Miyasaki of UOH was assigned to determining the workflow and operational procedures and translating the process into EHR.

"She will ensure EHR workflow is optimized, efficient and conducive to their working environment. On this trip she was able to give Tinian and Rota a demo of the EHR system to give insights into the functionality and usability of the system as well as to test the network response time," Taisague said.

Taisague and CHCC's billing department staff gave Tinian a

glimpse of how much more efficient the processes will be under EHR and he helped implement a new electronic process to check in, admit, and track payments and to report daily and monthly back to CHCC.

"The tentative intent is to roll-out the EHR on both inpatient and outpatient and on Tinian and Rota by the end of the year if all goes well," Taisague said.

The project was first initiated at CHC on Nov. 3, 2013, and was primarily focused on inpatient areas. The project's first phase centered on documentation, which includes vital signs, nursing notes and physician's notes, and medication administration records, among others.

also in tomorrow's Senate session agenda for action. This comes nine months since the House sent the bill to the Senate.

The committee recommends that the full Senate membership pass the bill, authored by Speaker Joseph DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) in its current form.

The bill cuts the rebate from the Northern Marianas Territorial Income Tax and appropriates the revenues from Chapter 7 tax to the NMI Retirement Fund's defined benefit plan members. **(Haidee V. Eugenio)**

their candidacies: Edwin Hofschneider, Diana H. Borja, and Raynaldo M. Cing.

Saipan candidates

Former representative David Apatang also filed his petition on Friday afternoon as a candidate for Saipan mayor, surrounded by his family and supporters.

Apatang is also supported by the family of the late Saipan mayor Donald Flores, who recently passed away.

Derron Flores said that Apatang approached their family days after the funeral rites for his father, seeking their support and vowing to continue what his father started.

"We're happy to support him," said Derron Flores, who was among those at Apatang's filing.

Independent House candidates for Precinct 3 also filed their candidacies on Friday, including incumbent Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan) and Rep. Tony Benavente (Ind-Saipan), along with current senior legislative assistant at the House BJ Attao.

Election Commission's Guerrero said there were also filings on Saturday, bringing to "over 72" the number of individuals that filed their candidacies as of Saturday.

"And we expect to breach the 17,000 voters mark in the next few weeks," Guerrero added.

Among those that filed on Saturday was Ed Propst, seeking a House seat representing Precinct 1.

The second phase was rolled out on Feb. 3, 2014, and concentrated on computerized physician order entry, which also basically allows authorized nurses to go to EHR to place medication orders when

deemed necessary.

At present, the hospital's laboratory unit is among the sections that now use the electronic health record system, which allows the automated transfer of records to attending physicians.

TOUR GUIDES

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and certification process, among other things. But the governor said the Legislature needs to clarify the bill's ambiguous and vague provisions.

The Legislature, for example, needs to explain the scope of MVA's certification such as the length of its validity, whether MVA can revoke certification, and whether a fee is required.

Further clarification of what it means to be "in good standing" is also needed, along with other relevant questions regarding MVA's certification of tour guides and tour operators.

If the Department of Finance is required to issue business licenses subject to the bill's provisions, this should be made clear in the bill, the governor said.

"Further, as some of the provisions of this bill [are] vague, I have concerns that the bill will be applied arbitrarily. An amendment to this bill should also require the MVA to promulgate rules and regulations governing the certification process. This will ensure that the MVA applies all certification requirements in a standard manner," the governor said in his July 31 transmittal letter to Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Joseph DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), author of the bill, said yesterday that while he has not seen a copy of the newly signed measure and the governor's concerns, he said "it is good to know that the governor signed the bill into law."

Villagomez's House Bill 18-49, as substituted by the Senate, is now Public Law 18-58. Under the new law, MVA now has to regulate the tour industry "through the issuance of certifications to tour operators and tourist land/sea transport operators attesting to their compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements for engaging in the tour operator and tourist land/sea transport operators business and tour guides through the issuance of certifications attesting to a minimum [proficiency] in the English language and their successful completion and training in the history, culture, and scenic attractions of the CNMI."

"Once again, although I approve HB 18-49, SS1, I urge the Legislature to consider amending the law to clarify any ambiguities present in this bill," the governor told lawmakers.

Inos said it is in the public's interest to regulate the profession of tour guides and tour operators in the CNMI.

The islands' tourism industry is now recovering, after pe-

riods of stagnation. Tourism is an essential component of the CNMI's economy and an industry of great interest and importance.

Real ID law

The governor also signed into Public Law 18-59 a Senate bill requiring the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles to include certain identification information and documentation such as proof of citizenship or legal status as required by the federal Real ID Act of 2005, on the CNMI operator's or driver's licenses.

But like the tourism law, the governor also asked the Legislature for further work on the ID law, which he said brings the CNMI "closer to compliance with the Real ID Act."

Inos said the Legislature must pass additional legislation to bring the CNMI "in full compliance with the Real ID Act."

"First, the Legislature must repeal 9 CMC 2206, because 2206 conflicts with Senate Bill 18-42. Second, the Real ID Act has special rules for temporary drivers' licenses. The Legislature must pass additional legislation that will allow the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to issue temporary drivers' licenses under certain circumstances," the governor told the Legislature.

Finally, he said, the Real ID Act requires the CNMI to share information with other states and the federal government.

SB 18-42 grants broad authority to DPS to promulgate regulations that will bring the CNMI into full compliance with the Real ID Act.

"However, it would be preferable for the Legislature to clearly authorize the Department of Public Safety to share and store information as required by the Real ID Act," the governor said.

He added that if the CNMI does not comply with the Real ID Act, then CNMI citizens will eventually suffer three consequences.

These include: federal agencies will no longer accept CNMI drivers' licenses as identification; CNMI citizens will not be able to use drivers' licenses to access federal facilities; and CNMI citizens will not be able to use drivers' licenses to board commercial aircraft.

Inos said BMV, along with the Office of the Attorney General, is ready to help draft a bill that will bring the Commonwealth into full compliance with the Real ID Act. He also looks forward to working with the Legislature on this.

The Senate president, author of the bill, said yesterday that he thanks the governor "for his vision for the future of our drivers and the ability to travel to the U.S."

ELECTIONS

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The number of registered voters is also expected to breach the 17,000 mark in a few weeks.

If and when Yumul's candidacy is certified by the election board, tentatively set for Aug. 13, the Senate would have to inform Gov. Eloy S. Inos that there is a vacancy in the Senate for a Saipan seat and a special election would be held, Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero, along with Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), separately said yesterday.

Guerrero said the required resignation is spelled out in the NMI Constitution.

Article 13 Section 5 of the NMI Constitution reads, "Resignation from Public Office. An elected public official shall resign from office upon certification to be a candidate for another public office, if the term of the office sought begins before the end of the term of the office held."

Right now, two of three Saipan senatorial seats are up for grabs: that of Torres and Reyes' seats. Yumul's seat will be vacant once his candidacy is certified and then once the governor declare such a vacancy, requiring a special election to fill it up.

"If there's a vacancy declared by the governor, it would be best to have that special election

also on the day of the general elections in terms of logistics and costs," Guerrero said, adding that each election costs \$80,000 to \$90,000.

Guerrero and senators, moreover, said it is more than likely that none of the four gubernatorial teams will muster at least 50 percent plus one of the votes cast, so a runoff election will be held.

"So yes, the CNMI could have three elections, and two of them would be held on the same day of Nov. 6, assuming that Yumul's candidacy as lieutenant governor is certified this month," Guerrero said.

Heinz-Yumul filing

The Hofschneider-Yumul team was originally set to file their candidacy tomorrow, a day before the Aug. 6 deadline for filing, campaign treasurer Juan S. Tenorio said.

However, when a Senate session was called on Friday afternoon for Tuesday on Rota and Yumul had to travel to Rota on Monday, the Hofschneider-Yumul camp decided to file earlier—on Friday afternoon, Tenorio added. The team was concerned that should there be a problem with delayed or lack of flights from Rota to Saipan after the session is held, Yumul may not be able to come back to Saipan in time for the original scheduled filing and could miss the Aug. 6 deadline.

Tenorio said in the process, the Hofschneider-Yumul camp was unable to inform the media beforehand of the change of fil-

ing schedule. Thus, no reporter was present at their actual filing of petitions and candidacy, unlike during the three other gubernatorial team's filings. The Hofschneider-Yumul team said they would share photos later.

The three other gubernatorial teams are: Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) of the Republican Party; Edward "Tofila" M. DeLeon Guerrero and his running mate Danny Quitugua of the Democratic Party; and former governor Juan N. Babauta and running mate Juan Torres, running as independent.

Tinian candidates

On Friday, Tinian Mayor Ramon "Ray" Dela Cruz filed his re-election candidacy, surrounded by his family and supporters.

"When I took office, I inherited over \$5 million in municipality debt. I was able to bring that down to some \$2 million; I retired some \$3 million in debt, especially to local vendors. ...There have been a lot of advances made and I plan to continue the positive things we have started," Dela Cruz said.

The Tinian candidates he is aligned with also filed their candidacies: incumbent Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) who is seeking a Tinian senatorial seat; incumbent Sen. Joaquin "Jack" Borja (Ind-Tinian) seeking another term; and former representative Edwin Aldan seeking to regain his former post.

Three candidates for the Tinian Municipal Council also filed

EPA sees improvements in CUC water, wastewater operations

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REPORTER

The resulting improvements in the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s water and wastewater operations have been significant, according to U.S. Environmental Protection inspector John Tinger.

In his declaration attached to the U.S. government's July 29 report filed in federal court, Tinger said that stipulated order 1 requires CUC to

hire eight key managers that meet minimum qualifications for the utility's water, wastewater and oil management operations.

Tinger has been designated as EPA's project coordinator under stipulated order 1, which the federal court entered in March 2009.

Stipulated order 1 focuses on drinking water and wastewater issues such as requiring CUC to provide safe drinking water to residents on a 24-hour basis,

maintain adequate chlorine supplies, safely treat and discharge wastewater, and develop long-term capital improvement and financial plans.

Tinger disclosed that EPA had required CUC to conduct

broad, national solicitations for these key positions and vetted applicant pools to ensure candidates meet the minimum qualifications.

"As a result, CUC has been able to hire managers

and engineers who have the qualifications and experience necessary to run the utility operations," he said.

Tinger said that maintaining these qualified managers and promptly filling vacancies

with qualified candidates is a top priority.

He said CUC currently has two vacancies in key management positions and a number of unfilled certified drinking water operator positions.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Free Movie Night at KHS

Bored already from summer nights? Come to Kagman High School for Movie Night! It is free and families are welcome! Bring your mats, lawn chairs and money for snacks! We will be selling drinking and snacks during the movie. Will be showing *How To Train Your Dragon*. See you at sunset! (PR)

MHS orientation schedule

Marianas High School will be having the orientation for school year 2014-2015 as follow:

■ Friday, Aug. 22: Incoming Sophomores and Juniors, 9:30am-11am, School Gym

■ Friday, Aug. 22: Incoming Seniors, 1pm-2:30pm, School Gym

Tuesday, Aug. 26: Incoming Freshmen, 9:30am-11:30am, School Gym. (PR)

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Aug. 4, 6, and 8, from 11am to 6pm.

The general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are

advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

Family grief support meeting on Aug. 7

A group that is in the process of forming a Compassionate Friends chapter on Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai.

We offer understanding and hope to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents who are grieving the loss of a child of any age, and from any cause. We provide a safe, confidential setting, in which to share our experiences, while respecting and supporting each other, and listening. We do not espouse any specific religious or philosophical ideology.

For more information, call Jill Derickson at 989-9821 or e-mail jilld@pticom.com. To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. (PR)

Man allegedly threatens to kill store owner

A tour company driver allegedly threatened to kill a store owner for calling the police after seeing him arguing with another person in Garapan on Wednesday afternoon.

John Machawelug Saimon, 45, was arrested for assault and disturbing the peace.

At a hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho released Saimon on a \$1,000 unsecured bond and appointed a private

counsel for him.

Arraignment will be on Aug. 11 at 9am.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that when two police officers responded to a disturbance incident at Martha's Store Wednesday at 2:14pm, the officers saw the victim, Wyman Rechucher, standing in the parking lot and pointing to the eastern side of the store.

The officers proceeded there

and saw a man who was not wearing a shirt and a woman walking behind him. The man, later identified as Saimon, threw an object into the trash bin before the officers approached them.

Rechucher told the officer that he saw a couple arguing outside the store with another man, who walked into the bushy area across the street.

Rechucher went inside the store and called the police. The woman who was with Saimon walked into the store and cursed at Rechucher for

calling the police.

The woman then walked back to Saimon. Rechucher said he saw Saimon approach the store's door and carrying a screw driver.

Rechucher held onto the door as Saimon tried to open it. Saimon allegedly threatened that he would kill him if he finds him outside and that he is not scared of the police.

Police arrested Saimon that same afternoon and secured the screwdriver as evidence. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
 - e. May 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- III. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. CDBG Matters
 1. On-going Projects
 - b. Program and Housing Division Matters (including PBV Proposals)
 - c. Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) - Applications
 - d. Mortgage & Credit Division Matters
 1. Loan Revision Requests
 2. Loans for Approval
 3. Board Resolution Regarding Loan/Grant Application disposition
- IV. FIELD OFFICE REPORTS
 - a. Rota Field Office
 - b. Tinian Field Office
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Update on Housing Expo
 - b. Fiscal Division Assessment
 - c. Personnel
- VI. FISCAL AFFAIRS
 - a. Financial Statements as of June 30, 2014
 - b. FY2013 Audit
- VII. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT
- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- IX. OTHER MATTERS
 - a. Legal Counsel Contract
 - b. Corporate Director Contract
- X. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meetings of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday August 5, 2014 at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend. The following is the proposed agenda:

- I. Meeting Called to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Adoption of Minutes
- VI. Executive Session (regarding casino license)
- VII. Return to Public Session
- VIII. Casino License
- IX. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission at 664-2375.

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Team of doctors aids kids with special needs at the SDA Clinic



DENNIS B. CHAN

From left, Dr. Kenneth W. Pierson, Melissa Harness, RN, Dr. Shawn Fox, and SDA Dental Clinic's Cygi Cepeda.

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

With some children having to wait as long as four to five months for treatment because of complications due to their special needs and their young age, the arrival of a team of professionals to administer anesthesia and dental care comes as a great relief to Claudine Benig, mother of Irish Benig, a special needs child who could not undergo normal dental care without the aid of anesthesia.

According to Seventh Day Adventist's clinic director Dr. Ken Pierson, the volunteers arrived from California last week and are here for two weeks to help children and parents who otherwise could only have found treatment off-island.

The team is made up of Dr. Shawn Michael Fox, dentist; Dr. Kenneth W. Pierson, anesthesiologist; and registered nurse Melissa Harness.

"The key is you got to have a

licensed and qualified anesthesiologist, and then you've got to have someone who is familiar with doing treatment under general anesthesia," director Pierson said about treatment for special needs children under the age of 6 or 7.

Fox said he has worked with children with attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism, Down syndrome, and cerebral palsy, among others. Many of these children undergo dental treatment under anesthesia because of the difficulty in getting them to cooperate.

"It's best to get them to sleep to ensure the work is done correctly," Fox said.

Pierson said the volunteer team's type of treatment is not readily available on Saipan, and that there is a tremendous need for this kind of work as potentially 45 or 50 children may be treated this week and next.

He noted the medical and flight costs may prevent chil-

dren and their parents from getting treatment.

Benig said her daughter had to wait for about two months before being treated Thursday. She said the swelling in her daughter's mouth would cause fevers.

Previously, she said, she had relied on antibiotics in helping her daughter.

The volunteers work together at pediatric clinic in Visalia, California.

"I like doing mission work, and giving back to the communities, and other communities as well as my own. That's probably the biggest reason [for volunteering], there's a big need for it," Fox said.

Judge orders detention of suspected 'ice' distributor

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has granted the U.S. government's motion to keep a suspected methamphetamine distributor detained.

At a hearing on Friday, Manglona determined that Zhaosheng Zeng, through court-appointed counsel David Banes, failed to rebut the presumption in favor of pretrial detention.

Manglona remanded Zeng into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Banes had stated that Zeng's spouse is willing to serve as third-party custodian and post Zeng \$10,000 cash bail. Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton opposed this.

Federal agents arrested Zeng on July 29 for allegedly conspiring with others to distribute "ice" on Saipan last year.

Zeng was arrested after an indictment was filed in federal court in July, charging him with a count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and three counts of distribution of methamphetamine. Zeng pleaded not guilty.

Jury trial will be on Oct. 6, 2014. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP14-GOV-127

Program Management CNMI Water Task Force

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Jude U. Hofschneider, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals for Program Management for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project Scope of Work will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan, on or after July 28, 2014.

Questions regarding this Request for Proposal must be submitted in writing to **CNMI Water Task Force**, Special Advisor by facsimile to **(670) 664-2279** no later than August 8, 2014.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from DOI/OIA.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with NMIAC Section 70-30.3-210 (CNMI Procurement Regulations). Preference per Public Law 15-95 as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Program Management" RFP14-GOV-127**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Sealed proposals must be received by the **Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base Drive, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., (CNMI local time) August 27, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ELOY S. INOS
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

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Head Start Policy Council Meeting Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., Oleai Head Start Resource Center, Oleai, Saipan.

- I. Preliminary Matters
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Quorum
 - 4. Adoption of Agenda
 - 5. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. April 23, 2014 Regular Meeting
 - b. July 16, 2014 Special Meeting
- II. Public Comments¹
- III. Communication
 - 1. From the State Board of Education
 - 2. From the Office of Head Start
- IV. Reports
 - 1. Director
 - 2. Education & Disabilities Manager
 - a. SY 2013-2014 Child Outcomes Aggregated Report
 - b. SY 2013-2014 School Readiness Progress Report
 - c. SY 2013-2014 Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Results
 - 3. Family & Community Partnership Manager
 - a. SY 2013-2014 Parent & Family Engagement Outcomes Report
 - b. SY 2014-2015 Recruitment & Enrollment Updates
 - 4. Director of Finance
 - 5. Center Representatives
- V. Old Business
 - 1. Program Manager
 - a. Updates on Facilities Projects
- VI. New Business
 - 1. Action Items
 - a. Review and Approval of SY 13-14 Program Information Report (PIR)
 - b. Review and Approval of Training & Technical Assistance Supplemental Grant Application
- VII. Miscellaneous Matters
- VIII. Executive Session²
 - 1. Recommendations To Hire
 - a. Substitute Classroom Teacher for Tinian
 - b. Classroom Teacher for Saipan
 - c. Health, Nutrition & Mental Health Manager
- IX. Next Meeting
- X. Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Mrs. Candace Q. Celis at (670) 664-3761 or email address at candace.celis@cnmips.org, several days notice is required.

/s/ Roy Ada
Chairperson

¹ Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Council may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Tinian Public Library ends Fizz Boom Read



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tinian Public Library staff, community members, sponsors and donors take a group photo after concluding the library's "Fizz, Boom, Read" 2014 Collaborative Summer Program.

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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REPORTER

With over a hundred children registered, about 70 attended the "Fizz, Boom, Read" 2014 Collaborative Reading Program's last session last week at the Tinian Public Library.

According to Lorna Cruz, TPL offered activities that integrated reading, physical activities, arts and crafts, and games.

"The highlight of the program

was the Read-A-Loud, vocabulary challenge and essay writing contest for tenth to twelfth graders," Cruz said.

Children who joined the contests and won took home Kindles, cellphones, assorted gift certificates, school bags, school supplies, and educational toys.

Cruz said that TPL's Fizz, Boom, Read program is a collaboration with the Joeten Kiyu Public Library and the Tinian Mayor's Office.

"TPL shares this success with our community partners who support our programs and make this summer enjoyable. We are grateful to the leadership, vendors, organizations, agencies, guest readers, volunteer judges, and individuals that made our program more enjoyable," she said.

In related news, JKPL is hosting its next session of the Fizz, Boom, Read program next week at the Tanapag Youth Cen-

ter from Aug. 5 to Aug. 8, from 1pm to 3:30pm. They will also conduct two more sessions in August in Kagman and at JKPL.

This year's sponsors for TPL's summer program are Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz, Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor, Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz, Sen. Francisco M. Borja, Rep. Trenton B. Con-

Halong intensifies into a super typhoon

» **Moves farther away from Marianas**
» **People warned of hazardous surf of 7 to 10 feet**

Tropical Storm Halong intensified yesterday into a super typhoon, moving west farther away from the CNMI and Guam.

Halong, however, is generating large swells and the public is being warned that hazardous surf of 7 to 10 feet will persist along west facing reefs through at least Tuesday night, according to the U.S. National Weather Service.

As precautionary actions, the agency advises people to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along west facing reefs as rip currents will be life threatening.

As of 1pm yesterday, Ha-

long's center was located 810 miles west of Saipan or 755 miles west-northwest of Guam. It was packing maximum sustained winds of 160 miles per hour.

Moving west at 8 mph, the super typhoon is expected to turn north-northwest tonight, Monday, and begin a slow weakening trend.

In Palau, hazardous surf of 8 to 9 feet will persist through today, Monday, along west and north facing shores.

In Yap, hazardous surf of 9 to 10 feet should peak Sunday night along west and north facing shores. The surf is expected to gradually subside late today, Monday. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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National Office Supply, Star Marianas Air, Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, Marianas Pacific Distributors (MARPA), Zack's CD Rack, Herman's Modern Bakery, Doris Dela Cruz (president of CARE club), and guest readers Ignacio Perez, Rev. James Howard, and Bank of Guam branch manager Marilyn Mendiola.

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Evangelista files candidacy for AG

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Michael "Mike" Evangelista filed his candidacy for attorney general at the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe on Thursday, making him the second candidate to officially signify his intention to run for the position.

Evangelista was joined by his family, friends, and supporters when he submitted his papers to the commission.

Another candidate for attorney general is former Superior Court judge Edward Manibusan.

Evangelista said this would be the first time for the Commonwealth to elect an attorney general.

"The most significant factor about this upcoming election is that it represents the will of the people who voted two years ago to change the way we choose our attorney general and ensure that he or she is answerable to them," he said.

Evangelista said the CNMI is his home and that he wants to make the community safe for children, residents, visitors, and businesses.

"I want to ensure that our



Mike Evangelista, right, files his candidacy along with his supporters and family members last week at the CNMI Commission on Elections office in Susupe. He is running for attorney general of the Commonwealth. At left is his committee-to-elect chairman, former senator Thomas Kiyu Villagomez.

laws our respected and enforced equally and fairly to everyone, regardless of race, gender, religion, economic affluence or political affiliations," he said.

Evangelista's committee-to-

elect chairman, former senator Thomas "Kiyu" Villagomez, said the CNMI needs an attorney general who is young, energetic, vibrant, and innovative to meet "the ever complex and de-

manding legal issues of today's world."

"Michael possesses these traits on top of the fact that he is competent, approachable, responsive, energetic, and sen-

sible. He cares about the people and care about doing what is right for the community," Villagomez said.

He said Evangelista has the legal aptitude, the skill-set, and the right temperament of an effective leader and will make an effective attorney general.

Commitment

Evangelista said that he will work toward keeping the community a lot safer and "aggressively fight and clean up corruption" at all levels of the government.

"I pledge to remove politics from, and restore integrity and public trust to, the Office of the Attorney General, aggressively fight the 'ice' epidemic that is plaguing our islands, and protect our consumers to make sure that they receive the full value of their purchases of goods and services from their hard earned dollars," Evangelista said.

He also pledged to change the OAG into one that is service oriented and "effective, efficient, and responsive to the public's needs."

"These are crucial and challenging times for our islands and our people. That is why it is so important that we elect the

attorney general who has the integrity to enforce and adhere to the letters of the law and the courage to maintain the independence of the AG's office," Evangelista said.

"We need one who has the humility and ability to work harmoniously with the three branches of our government and our leaders, in order that we can move forward and progress in our economy so that we can improve the lives of our people," he added.

Evangelista, an honor student from the Northern Marianas College, Washington State University, and University of Idaho College of Law, is a former assistant attorney general of the CNMI, a chief of staff and senior policy adviser for the Speaker of the House during the 15th Legislature, a law clerk at the CNMI Superior Court, and a Senate legislative assistant and assistant Youth Congress coordinator at the CNMI Legislature.

He currently is in private practice, appearing before both the local courts and in federal court and is the son of the late Carlos Evangelista and Ramona N. Evangelista.

Air Guard defenders recognized for deployment

Thirty-one airmen from the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Security Forces Squadron were recognized for their service while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Always Ready!" are two words evident in our deployed airmen and their families. Even before they deployed, our airmen sacrificed many hours of training and prepared to ensure they were ready to deploy," said Lt. Col. Audie Artero, commander, 254th Air Base Group.

"You epitomized the Air Force Core values—'Integrity, Service and Excellence'—in your dedication, commitment and pride as you executed each and every mission," said Artero. "The many accolades received from deployed leadership in country speak volumes to your work ethics, motivation and great attitudes. Thank you for your service!"

The airmen were deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar for about eight months where they were tasked to support the Air Force's Air and Space Expeditionary Force mission in Southwest Asia. This tasking falls under the Air Force Central Command where the airmen were primarily focused on the provision of base defense measures, inclusive of personnel and resource security.

"It was a good deployment," said Senior Airman Scott Flores, who deployed for the first time last year. "I learned a lot about my job and what I need to do differently to better prepare my-

self for the next deployment."

The Hometown Heroes Ceremony recognizes Air National Guard members for their sacrifices and fosters retention, family recognition, community and employer appreciation.

Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino, The Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard, thanked the airmen for their service to our island and our country. "All

of you have dedicated your lives to defend our country. Our nation depends on men and women like you, who are willing to give something back in order to make sure we protect our country and keep it safe, to give our children a better life for the future. That's what it's all about. You continue to respond when our nation calls!" he said.

"Today, we recognize 31 de-

fenders who completed another successful deployment executing critical force protection missions, taskings and operations. Although you were relatively small in numbers, you represented 80 percent of the command and control overseeing all force protection and law enforcement operations and responsibilities," added Paulino.

This defenders team efforts

and contributions was directly responsible for securing over 9,400 multinational forces, civilians and contractors and over \$10 billion in coalition assets, from aircrafts to munitions storage areas. This mission also involved being handpicked to oversee local base force protection efforts for high visibility visits that spanned the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force, the Emir of Qatar, and was the lead security detail for the Gulf States Air Defense

Chief Council Conference.

"This defenders team hit the ground running and your talents were highlighted throughout your deployment, not only individually, but for the squadron and the wing. They distinguished themselves and continued the Guam National Guard's legacy with their dedication, commitment and service before self. They displayed island pride and made their mark! You've done our island proud. I thank you for your willingness to put your lives on the line. And, I thank you families for their support, sacrifice and loyalty to this great country," said Paulino.

This deployment marked the second for Staff Sgt. Mark Sablan who had previously deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. "This deployment was different and I believe, better, especially with the living arrangements and available resources. The camaraderie with the other airmen made it more like home and the time pass quicker. A very good mission overall," he said.

The airmen received an engraved Eagle Statue with the words, "Airman, Family, Community" on it. The spouses were given a Hometown Heroes engraved pen and pencil set and each of the children received an engraved Hometown Heroes Dog Tag, Cinch Sak and other goodies. A center of influence medallion is also available for the airman to give to someone who made a significant contribution in support of them and their family during their deployment. (PR)



Capt. Alvin Alvarez, deployed unit OIC, presents gifts to his wife, Hayette, and sons, Ethan, Tristan and Caleb, courtesy of the Hometown Heroes Program, during the Guam Air National Guard's Hometown Heroes Ceremony in honor of his recent deployment.


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Hatha Adai Yoga: Bringing yoga to you

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

If you’ve never done Yoga before, a new trio of certified yoga instructors are in town to “add downward dog to your day, and zip to your zen!” Hatha Adai Yoga—owned and operated by Nicole Schafer, Kelli McDoulett, and Kate Cline-Campbell—held its first free kick-off class at American Memorial

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



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Mary jane

Park Saturday morning. According to the group’s website, Hatha Adai Yoga classes are for everyone, from beginner to advanced and offers hatha, yin, power, yoga-chi, and story time yoga to

children. They also offer yoga to businesses, where the class is conducted in the office. “Whether you are an individual, a group of

friends, or a corporation, we would love to come teach you yoga, aligning with your goals and situation.” The classes cost \$5 for the



Hatha Adai Yoga owners and instructors Kelli McDoulett, Nicole Schafer, and Kate Cline-Campbell.

first session and \$10 for normal classes.

Schafer told *Saipan Tribune* that classes are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5pm to 6pm at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Saturdays from 9am to 10am for the month of August.

Saturday’s theme this month is “Saipan Sites,” where classes are held at some of Saipan’s prime tourist destinations, such as the CNMI Museum, Old Man by the Sea, Suicide Cliff, Bird Island lookout, and Garapan beach.

Schafer said the Saturday classes are not official just yet because they want to gauge how far people are willing to drive to take part in the weekend classes. “If the interest is there we

would love to continue it. It is great to connect with nature while doing yoga,” she said.

A studio for the classes will be opened on Sept. 1, 2014, with more yoga classes available as well.

Schafer hopes to hold the business’ grand opening by next month, open to the public by donation only.

All proceeds will go toward purchasing yoga supplies to enhance the yoga practice of its students.

For more information on Hatha Adai Yoga visit <http://hathaadaiyoga.com> or like them on Facebook by searching for “Hatha Adai Yoga.”

This coming Saturday’s Saipan Sites yoga class will be held at Sugar King Park at 8am.



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Copies of the Scope of Work may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.


The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposal; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ JAMES C. DELEON GUERRERO
Commissioner of Public Safety

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S



Procurement And Supply CNMI Government



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

RFP NO.: RFQ14-CHCC(GSS)-121
SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 29, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**“ON SITE MEDICAL AND CLINICAL WASTE SYSTEM FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION”**

The Scope of Work will be available on or after July 28, 2014 at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at Lower Base Drive during regular working hours.

Questions regarding this project may be submitted to Mr. Albert I. Ichihara, General Support Services, via e-mail to ichiharaalbert@gmail.com no later than the close of business, August 15, 2014.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
Chief Executive Officer, CHCC

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S



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ROGELIO C. FAUSTINO
Petitioner

versus

SUSAN R. BALMACEA-FAUSTINO
Respondent

FCD DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0166

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

By order of the above Court:

Dated this 9th day of April, 2014

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF) FCD GU
PETITION FOR GENERAL) CIVIL ACTION
GUARDIANSHIP OF:) NO. 14-0332
ESAH MARIANA TOMOKANE)
Minor Child) NOTICE OF
By) HEARING
Wes Marty Tomokane)
Petitioners.)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardianship for the above-named minor child by Wes Marty Tomokane, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, NMI, before the Honorable Kenneth L. Govendo on the 14th day of August, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. or as soon as thereafter.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM) Civil Action
Plaintiff) No. 14-0034
vs.)
VICTORIA SN. BORJA,) NOTICE OF
Defendant.) HEARING
) PLAINTIFF'S
) MOTION FOR
) DEFAULT
) JUDGMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 21, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held before Associate Judge David A. Wiseman on Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of July, 2014.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

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BANK OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA,) CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0143
Plaintiff,) NOTICE OF SALE
vs.)
LEE RODRIGUEZ,)
aka LEE R. FRANCA,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on July 2, 2014, in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant Lee Rodriguez aka Lee R. Francia in and to the following real property located at Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands:

LOT 010 K 302 containing an area of 904 square meters, more or less, as more particularly shown on Drawing/Cadastral Plat 010 K 01, the original of which was recorded August 19, 1987 as file no. 87-2910 at the Office of the Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on August 28, 2014, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., at the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Dereence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. It is the responsibility of each bidder to inspect the property prior to the sale. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant, express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

Conduct of Sale.

a. Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price on any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.

b. Rights and duties of auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.

c. Bids. Bids may be submitted in advance for any or all of the property listed in this Notice. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Dereence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery of bids. Any person, including the plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.

d. Disputes. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.

Enforcement of Auction Sale.

a. Deposit. Every successful bidder shall pay to the undersigned a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price immediately after the sale is consummated. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance must be paid to the plaintiff, in care of Mailman & Kara, LLC, within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and will again offer the property for sale.

b. Memorandum of Sale. If requested by the undersigned, every successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale, immediately after the sale of any property is struck off at auction.

c. Court Approval. Every sale is subject to approval by the Court. The auctioneer makes no warranties or promises with respect to court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified when court approval is granted.

Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 25th day of July, 2014:

/s/ RONNIE D. HODGES, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,) Civil Action No. 13-0071
Plaintiff,) NOTICE OF AUCTION
vs.) and JUDICIAL SALE
TOMAS M. CALVO and
CECILIA T. CALVO,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 17th day of October, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **11th day of August, 2014 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 008 R 11 situated in Songsong, Rota, (formerly known as Lot 4, Block 23), containing an area of 743 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 008 R 00, the original recorded 12 Nov 71 Doc. No. 1295 at Land Registry, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) to reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.

3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 27th day of May, 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Opinion

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Lower sentences for drug offenders was the right decision

America's effort to use our prisons to stem the illegal drug problem has largely failed.

Incarceration of drug offenders has seen prison and jail populations skyrocket, even as public opinion has shifted away from harsh sentences for nonviolent drug crimes.

That's why the U.S. Sentencing Commission was right to decide this month that some 50,000 federal drug trafficking offenders could be eligible for reduced sentences. The amendment to federal sentencing guidelines, approved in April, is already in effect for offenders facing sentencing in the future, creating an issue of fairness: Why should the length of a sentence be determined by the date of sentencing?

The commission's unanimous decision could see inmates get an average of two years off their prison terms, according to a report in The Washington Post.

America's approach to its drug problem is in evolution. Marijuana is now legal for recreational use in Colorado and Washington. Sentences for peddling crack cocaine are now no more severe than those for peddling powdered cocaine.

Many Americans agree that the nation lost its way with its war on drugs.

Still, the prospect of so many prisoners being released back into society properly raised the concern of a large number of prosecutors and judges who opposed the commission's decision.

The sentencing commission was sensitive to this concern and set an effective date of Nov. 1, 2015, for the release of any prisoner. Prisoners may begin applying for sentence reductions in November.

That demonstrated a fair understanding of the complexity of the issue.

The changes apply to traffickers of all drugs, but it's not yet clear exactly how many of the estimated 50,000 eligible prisoners will actually see their sentences reduced.

Drug offenders will certainly apply for the reductions, but judges will still have to determine whether the person is a danger to society and should remain imprisoned for the full length of his or her original sentence. Judges can also consider how inmates behaved after they were sentenced. In other words, those who were violent in prison, or continued to deal drugs, or acted as gang leaders hopefully won't be roaming the streets sooner than they should.

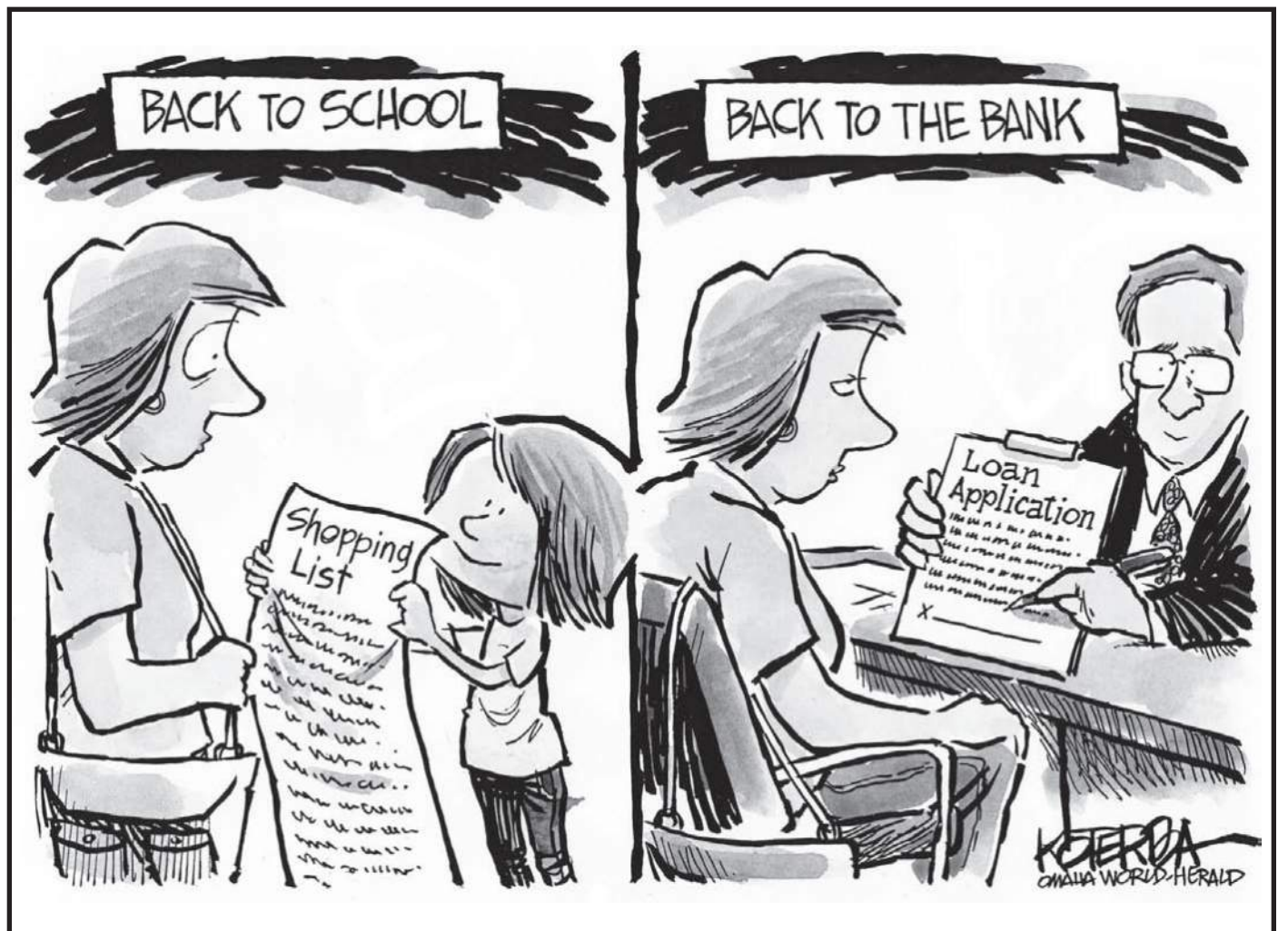
But thousands, and possibly tens of thousands, of drug offenders who the courts decide are not dangerous could be returned to society earlier than expected.

There's no doubt that will create a challenge. But there's also little doubt that America will not incarcerate itself out of an illegal drug problem that has destroyed the fabric of large swaths of the country.

Advocates of reform did not get everything they might want from the sentencing commission. Mandatory minimum sentences for some drug offenses remain in place, for example.

But the amendment to the guidelines does offer judges flexibility to review offenders' cases and decide whether they deserve the chance to return to society sooner.

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Deutsch for "English" is "englische" like, *Der englische Patient* of the "mad cow and the Englishman" story without beef in the movie, the *English Patient*. Products made in England are labeled *Englische produkte*. I latch on the word "englische" in my oral English pedagogy in China, accenting the CH at the end to play with the phrase "with Chinese characteristics" adopted to describe China's socialism.

The *Epoch Times*, a widely disseminated tabloid in Canada and other countries, started with a Chinese edition, issuing an English version in 2004, and has been anti-CCP since 2000. This is understandable as the egalitarian direction of the communists has strong opposition from those who are influenced by the cult of personal charisma, presently strong in the Jesus idolatry of the U.S. Midwest laid out in Hong Kong (I saw enough of this since I made my first trip to Kowloon in '65), and Shanghai where a class society, not unlike that of England, is topped by a rich upper class living the good life while the majority are poor and exploited.

Li Hongzhi of *Falun Gong* was a charismatic leader in northeast China who promoted Dharma practices of motion meditation at the same time as the *qigong* craze hit the West, creating a massive following that threatened the socialist aspirations of the CCP especially when hordes of the membership showed up in Beijing to demand recognition as a religious minority. The CCP at first welcomed the ethical direction of the movement but its reliance on numbers and charisma moved Dalian mayor of Bo Xilai to clamp his hammer and sickle on them.

Falun Gong was remarkable in not claiming fees for its teachings, but then fell into the Chinese propensity for identifying lineage to well-known teachers and teachings, and before it was made obvious, charisma turned founder Li Hongzhi into a power of uncommon and super proportions.

Ironically, the founder created the movement from the U.S., condemned by the CCP in 1999 for the promotion of a personality cult then discouraged after the excesses of Mao's charisma manifest in the Cultural Revolution. Deng Xiaoping carefully skirted the temptation by pulling strings from the back. The Politburo has been sensitive to any "charisma" direction ever since.

Equally ironic, Bo Xilai, the nemesis of *Falun Gong* in Liaoning, south of Li Hongzhi's Jilin province where the *Falun Gong* first flourished, was criticized for being a Mao-like mayor of Chongqing, relieved of his office when his deputy ran to the U.S. Consulate for fear of life, revealing that Bo's wife murdered a British national and her husband tried to cover up the crime. The statuesque Bo Xilai was un-mayor'd, stripped of Politburo membership, indicted and found guilty of abuse of power while in office.

"Censorship" in China is the *raison d'être* for *The Epoch Times*. Connected to *Falun Gong*, the tone of its editorial policies is under-

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standable. I brook no objections to its *qigong* practices; for many seeking political asylum in the West, membership in the Falun Gong is a plus. However, a couple I knew on Saipan were "convenient" members, aka *Falun Dafa*, but they derived their living promoting, distributing, and profiting from methamphetamines. They were adherents by convenience.

In my vocab, "englisCHe" is China's attempt to make English familiarity a part of its social architecture, aggressively began in the Beijing 2008 Olympics when signage in places where games were held like Shenyang and Dalian sprouted, albeit often an awkward translation, sometimes sounding funny to the Chicago ear. The sign "No occupying while stabling" in the train means that the toilet cannot be used while the train is in the station. ("Stable the horse," "station the train," get it?)

English, I think, has been taught the same way Chinese students are taught their Zhonghua characters, i.e., a reliance on seeing words and defining their meaning in abstract terms, figured on the context of its calligraphic use, the printed form of writing. English is, however, phonetic so reading and writing are only as useful as one has reasonable familiarity of what is heard and spoken. Normally, Chinese students are admired for their calligraphy, not their speaking.

BTW, this is not limited to Chinese schooling. All around the world, book learning is the mode of knowing at the expense of what is heard and spoken. English analyzes what is written, like the way students decipher Chinese characters, but in English, the nuances that defines context are expressed in body language and tone.

If the *Epoch Times* promotes the royal English of London and Victoria island, my *englisCHe* pedagogy favors the non-charismatic bland version from Kowloon, Pu Xi (Shanghai), Chongqing, and yes, Shenyang, with unapologetic Chinese characteristic. Spoken English remains a difficult skill in many circles, and students are trained more to pass Cambridge/Princeton English tests than learn to hear and speak the language of Hong Kong and Singapore.

That's what my *englisCHe* pedagogy is, my *raison d'être* for holding on to my China residency.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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China cracks down on corruption

Just as we applaud casino here with suspect standing ovation, a recent article in the *Wall Street Journal* Asian edition by Kate O'Keefe says that Macau saw its gambling revenue fall for the second-consecutive month in July. O'Keefe tells WSJ's Jake Lee why some of China's high rollers are holding their cards close, and their cash even closer. Here goes:

"HONG KONG—Beijing's intensifying crackdown on corruption is hitting two of the playgrounds of China's elite: the VIP rooms at Macau casinos and luxury shopping malls in Hong Kong.

"Casino revenue in the world's gambling capital fell for a second-straight month in July, dropping 3.6 percent from a year earlier as high rollers from mainland China stayed away from the tables in Macau. In Hong Kong, sales of jewelry, watches and other luxury items dropped 28 percent in June, marking a fifth-straight monthly decline.

"The retreat in Macau has been driven by the same VIP gamblers that powered the city's rise to the top in recent years. Revenue from these gamblers, typically rich Chinese who are brought to Macau by middlemen known as junkets, fell by between 14 percent and 18 percent in July, according to analysts at UBS. By contrast, in 2010 VIP revenue grew by 70 percent.

"Across the Pearl River Delta in Hong Kong, the wealthy mainlanders who have packed the city's high-end stores have also been holding back. Sales of luxury goods fell by nearly a third in the second quarter, including a 40 percent plunge in April.

"Analysts and industry executives said the Chinese government's fight against corruption is hitting both industries hard. With Beijing keeping a closer eye on conspicuous consumption and capital flight, being seen buying 10 diamond-encrusted watches or throwing millions at a baccarat game is not recommended.

"This anticorruption crackdown in China is much more widespread and deeper than the VIP community had anticipated and as a result there could be prolonged weakness in the market," said Union Gaming Research analyst Grant Govertsen.

"The ongoing anticorruption campaign is placing considerable

focus on the illicit transfer of Chinese funds overseas. Macau is a significant factor in this," said Steve Vickers, a consultant who has investigated junkets and formerly led the Royal Hong Kong Police Criminal Intelligence Bureau.

"Previously junkets had been most visibly affected by the campaign in late 2012 when Chinese police detained backers of one of Macau's then-largest junkets on suspicions they had ties to Bo Xi Lai, a prominent politician jailed in the crackdown. The crackdown has increased with Mr. Xi's rise.

"All of a sudden the world is changing," said one top casino executive who deals with junkets. "The central government is much more concerned about junkets getting out of line." The situation is worrying both junket operators and their VIP customers, who "don't want to be involved with people who could get them in trouble," the person said.

"Macau, the only place in China where casino gambling is legal, has long relied on junkets to bring in high-spending gamblers from the mainland, issue them credit and collect players' debts in exchange for commissions from casinos. The system took root because Beijing limits how much money Chinese can take out of the mainland and doesn't consider gambling debts valid there.

"The poor performance in Macau's VIP market has smacked casinos. The Macau units of Las Vegas Sands Corp. LVS -1.53 percent and Wynn Resorts Ltd. WYNN -1.48 percent both posted earnings last month that missed already-lowered analyst projections. The territory's four other gambling operators, including a unit of MGM Resorts International, are likely to also post weak earnings, according to analyst forecasts."

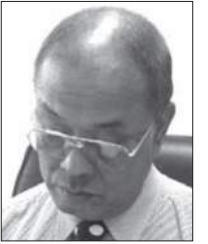
This isn't to show animus on casino but a neutral article from WSJ Asian edition. It's good to think through its implications. Sadly, we've used brawn over brain on an issue that should have been treated with due diligence.

Mind-boggling change...

Drastic change imposed by advances in information technology is

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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both good and bad. It isn't bad per se in that it requires use of the thoughtful process to sift through changes and how they have affected traditional family settings. The challenge is in resolving derailment of once rock solid family communications and interaction at home.

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I never went back to good old faithful (IBM typewriter) since shifting to a computer laptop in the mid-'80s. The new equipment was and still is the tool of the future. It even knocked out sending mail the old fashioned way. You don't have to go to the office to check you mail. You could do it from your iPhone! Surprising that even files of materials are sent via email! New tech stuff has also opened up a myriad of means for communications via what's known as the social media.

The technological advances now provide Skype conferencing, though it beats common sense why government officials still travel (at our expense). It must be difficult parting with bad and wasteful habits, again, at our expense. Or could we blame it on the "aura" of self-importance, jetting across two oceans just to review proposals? Isn't reading and reviewing documents comprised primarily of reading? Failure to understand it doesn't prompt a trip abroad, does it? Email or Skype it, stupid!

It's time taxpayers begin demanding complete accountability!

Voters know issues too!

With 29 legislators you'd expect some reasoned answers to resolving the deepening economic disaster at home. We get nothing but ear-to-ear smiles of disconnection and disengagement. You press for realistic answers and they start scurrying to the closest empty room nearby.

And Da Boys are good spouting that they support the economy, education, health and other issues of significance. Challenge them into educated discussions and they begin to grope for words while quickly scanning for the closest exit door. Did someone say policy making? OMG!

five years. The British mandates, in the South Pacific after World War II, prohibited people from moving from any island they were born on, unless natural disasters or death or adoption required it. But 99 percent of the people born on one island couldn't relocate to any other island. It was pretty peaceful until independence came in the '80s and the restriction was lifted. Suddenly every district center looked like Majuro or Ebeye in the Marshall Islands or Moen in Chuuk—an overcrowded slum without sanitation, power, water or other basic services.

Here in the CNMI, Fitial's 2009-2014 CNMI master plan is just a lot of recycled stuff and doesn't even get to the items, recommended to increase or enhance the islands, until page 29, when master plan items appear. About 35 areas of concern are listed for improvements. I see only 2, maybe 3, that are done or are being done and these are low budget items like streetlights. After page 52 there are another 250 pages or so of junk. This is a typical POS government report. What it doesn't say is that during the boom years, had we had some leadership, most of these 35 items would have been done when money was raining from the sky, or that the real reason we are broke now is because we hardly collected taxes and those that we did collect we rebated to the rich. We are still rebating taxes to the rich so stop bitchin' and put the blame squarely on the 50 people at the top, the ones that write all the laws. They created this and nothing will change until you get them, their kids and their relatives out of positions of power.

Sorry to all you ordinary, uninformed, uncaring voters. You are as much to blame as the self-serving 50 that control you. Doesn't anyone think it is strange that the 50 percent of Chamorros living outside of the CNMI are working and paying taxes of 30 to 40 percent on those earnings to the feds and whatever state they live in, except Alaska, Texas and Nevada? Get rid of that stupid rebate for the rich.

Gary DuBrall

Chalan Piao, Saipan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Pedro and the GOP

First, I want to thank Pedro DLG. Pangelinan and his GOP for the outrageous accusations for me to rebut and inform voters! Secondly, Pedro, please take note of how I spell my name as your spelling is ridiculously funny! Pedro, most locals know you are a diehard Republican and they can connect the dots between your letter and the GOP to me. People are talking about my letters that spoiled the GOP's game plan to use retirees and it's obvious you're trying to discredit and kill the messenger, an old-school tactic.

As for me turning in students caught smoking marijuana, I probably did as it was my responsibility to turn in students for the police, parents, and the principal to discipline. I'm sure their parents wanted me to turn them in as I was doing my job but that does not mean I liked turning them in. I'm sure the average police officer doesn't want to arrest their friends and relatives but they have to—it's their job, so stop being ridiculous, Uncle Pedro.

FYI, I didn't start promoting the legalization of marijuana until our President stated on MLK Day: "We must reform our marijuana laws and stop locking up our youth for something almost every adult has tried." I am trying to stop locking up our youth by following the lead of the President of the United States so you need to start with the President first as he is the source that is driving all the marijuana reform that is going on in America. Pedro, your GOP has killed three different medical marijuana bills, keeping the CNMI behind the times and in debt while the rest of America is moving forward with marijuana reforms, so who is really the problem? Me or your GOP?

I am so glad we don't have to make decisions on what you think, Pedro, as I am making my decisions to promote legalization based on two different real-life experiments in Washington and Colorado. The official results of these two experiments tells all of us the indicators point to the fact that the CNMI should and needs to legalize marijuana. This is real-life social, economic and political sciences at work, not your old, outdated thinking, Pedro.

As for your ridiculous claims: 1. Our small population actually makes for better controls and better educational efforts. 2. Tourists from Asia have the highest novelty factor for smoking pot as the overwhelming majority doesn't have easy access to pot in their country—so we can expect tourists to be fighting for a plane seat and airlines to be fighting for a route! 3. Marijuana crimes went down 700 percent in Colorado and kids *did not* go crazy smoking;

need I say more? 4. I am one of the few voters who actually put our politicians to the test. It's not personal or vengeance, as it's every citizens job to *hold officials accountable* for their actions or lack of action! 4. What have you done, Pedro, as I helped to preserve the local culture with the textbook I wrote and the House of Representative and the Senate gave me a resolution. What about my many predictions that came true that could have helped to avoid social, economic and political problems and my reputation as a recognized scholar by the U. S. Congress and U.S. Department of Education, degrees in Economics, Sociology and Political Science? I guess you conveniently forgot these facts, thinking and trying to help the GOP kill the messenger—me. Never mind, Uncle Pedro.

It was truly ugly and disrespectful of Pedro to inject my wife and family in this but we can expect anything from Inos' and the GOP retirees! Furthermore, the only money you could count was the \$30 million and the \$15 million a year for the license that will go to retirees. You aren't doing anything, Pedro, and someone must push for something that will help the other 14,000 plus voters who are not retirees or do you even care? Pot legalization is our best chance to fix all of our financial challenges and that's a fact no one can dispute and I welcome any and all debates! Retirees who attack me for telling the truth about the 25 percent and how retirees were being used as drum majors like you Pedro for Inos' election can only be helped by a psychologist or God so I will respectfully pray for my confused Uncle Pedro and not stoop to calling him names.

Ambrose M. Bennett

Kagman, Saipan






Newsflash! Islanders don't plan

About 55 years ago the TT produced a master plan for every district. It outlined every aspect of how each island should be developed. I've lived on many islands and islanders just do not plan. Saying "I'm going fishing tomorrow" is not planning. Planning is preparing for 25,000 outer islanders moving to the main island in the next

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. North winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼80
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲81 ▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼80

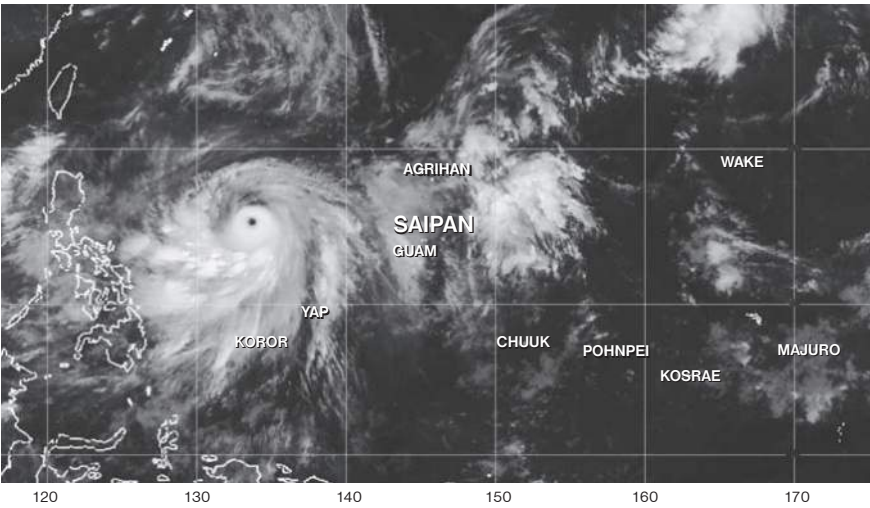
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲56 ▼45
Beijing	Showers	▲89 ▼71
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼77
London	Mostly Sunny	▲75 ▼56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲89 ▼68
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼76
Melbourne	Sunny	▲61 ▼39
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼78
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲78 ▼68
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲92 ▼75
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲78 ▼58
Pusan	Rain	▲82 ▼77
Rome	Sunny	▲89 ▼69
Salem	Sunny	▲91 ▼58
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼58
Seoul	Rain	▲82 ▼75
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲92 ▼77
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼69

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:28 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
8:41 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
2:54 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
8:09 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super Typhoon Halong (11W) is centered far west of the Marianas at 15N135E moving west at 8 mph with maximum sustained winds of 155 mph. Heavy rain and a few thunderstorms are found within 100 miles of the eye. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring southwest to southeast of the center north of Koror and Yap within 100 miles of a line from 12N130E to 9N134E to 13N138E. For more information on Super Typhoon Halong, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. An upper-level trough curves northeastward from a low centered near the northern tip of the Mariana Islands at 21N145E to beyond 25N at 148E. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are seen over the CNMI and west of Minami Tori Shima within 115 miles of a line from 14N146E to 19N145E to 23N149E to 21N152E. A weak circulation is centered north of Chuuk near 12N151E. Isolated thunderstorms are present near this feature west of Chuuk between 7N and 9N from 147E to 150E and also east of the Marianas between 13N and 17N from 150E to 154E. A surface trough runs northward from 11N168E to end near Wake Island at 19N157E. Divergent upper-level winds are triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near the trough within 115 miles of a line from 11N167E to 18N165E. Another circulation is centered northeast of Majuro near 10N175E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with this system are evident between 6N and 13N from 174E to 180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:00 AM	6:46 PM
Tuesday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM
Wednesday	6:01 AM	6:45 PM
Thursday	6:01 AM	6:45 PM
Friday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:25 PM
Tuesday	1:20 PM 12:16 AM
Wednesday	2:16 PM 1:06 AM
Thursday	3:15 PM 2:00 AM
Friday	4:14 PM 2:59 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN		
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am 3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am 3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm 6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm 6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm 1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm 2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm 2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm 1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm 1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm 1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm 1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm 1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)		
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm 6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm 2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN		
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm 6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm 2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm 2, 4, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm 3, 5, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:35am 1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am 1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN		
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am 4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1 3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
MU7076	4:15am	6:50am 2, 6	MU7075	9:00pm	3:15am+1 1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN		
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am 4, 7	MU763A	7:25pm	2:30am+1 3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am 1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:00am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN		
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am 2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am 1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
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UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am 3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm 2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1 7 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
DL287/473	6:05am	9:45pm 1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm 3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1 6 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm 6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1 1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm 2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1 4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm 5 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1 4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm 1 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1 1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm 4 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1 2 via GUM
			UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1 5 via GUM
			UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1 5 via GUM
			UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1 2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN		
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am 1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm 3 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm 1, 5, 6 via GUM	D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1 Aug 5, 10, 14, 19, 24, 28
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UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm 1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1 1, 3 via GUM-Rota
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Japanese researchers comb records for clues on WWII MIA

By ERIC DURR

NEW YORK NATIONAL GUARD

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.—A team of Japanese researchers are hoping records sitting in the New York State Military Museum here will provide a clue to finding the remains of American soldiers 7,600 miles away on the island of Saipan.

They are racing against time, explained Yukari Akatsuka one of the Japanese researchers, because in September, a condominium developer is going to start pouring concrete over the area where they think missing American soldiers may be buried.

About 20 of the American soldiers who fought on Saipan are still unaccounted for, according to the Hawaii-based U.S. Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command.

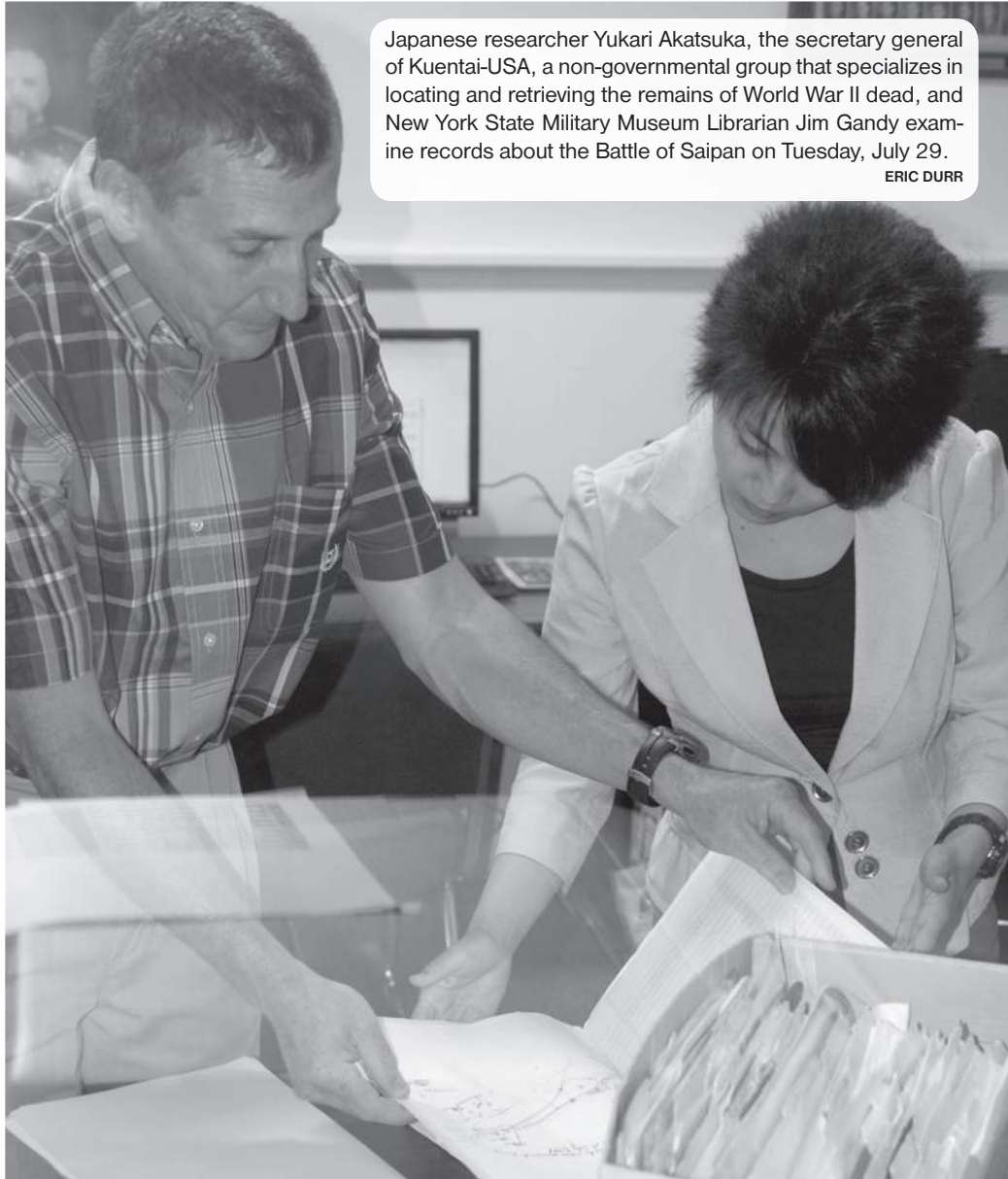
"The chance to find the remains during the construction is very small," she said. "That is why we want to clean the site ahead of time."

The group has a deal with the condo developer to let them research the site, but is still waiting on local approval, she added.

The soldiers who went missing during the battle for the island in July of 1944 were most likely members of the 105th Infantry Regiment, an upstate New York unit which was part of the National Guard's 27th Division, which fought there.

The missing 105th Infantry soldiers were likely killed on July 7, 1944, when more than 3,000 Japanese soldiers attacked their positions in the largest "banzai" attack of the war.

Three 105th Infantry Regiment soldiers—Lt. Col. William J. O'Brien, Capt. Salomon



L. Ben, and Sgt. Thomas Baker—were awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for their actions in that battle.

Akatsuka, and her colleague Usan Kurata, run Kuentai-USA, the American branch of a Japanese nonprofit organization that works to retrieve the remains of Japanese soldiers who died in World War II and bring them home.

The two spent the week of July 28 through Aug. 1 working with New York State Military Museum librarian Jim Gandy to examine the records, photographs, diaries, and maps in the museum's collection. The museum has hundreds of letters, photographs, diaries, and other materials dealing with the Battle of Saipan, including boxes of research

material compiled by author Francis O'Brien, a nephew of Lt. Col. O'Brien, who wrote a history of the battle.

Akatsuka and Kurata have already scanned 150,000 pages of documents from the National Archive in Washington related to Saipan and used that information to identify the location of mass graves containing the remains of almost 800

Japanese soldiers.

All types of information are useful to the groups work, Akatsuka explained.

Their search of the National Archives turned up hand-drawn maps made by American officers, which indicated where dead Japanese soldiers had been buried following the July 7 banzai attack. But one of the final clues used by crews on the ground in Saipan came from matching up a 1944 *Life* magazine shot of the ground with current day terrain to reveal the graves, she said.

While the Kuentai crew was evacuating those Japanese remains, they came across the remains of five American soldiers who once belonged to the 105th Infantry Regiment. Those remains were turned over to the DOD, which has identified two of the soldiers and returned their remains to the families.

Their organization believes it is just as important to find and return home the remains of the Americans who fought on Saipan as it is to find those of Japanese soldiers, Kurata explained. So the group wants to explore the area where they think more American remains may be.

Because it is a relatively large area, and because time is limited before construction of the hotel/condo complex begins, the group is hoping some clue in the documents in the Military Museum will help pin down the best location to dig, Akatsuka said.

"We are thinking there may be something in a personal diary or pictures," she said.

Helping researchers is nothing new for Gandy, a military history buff and trained librarian, who has been the Military

Museum's librarian since 2002. He gets an average of 200 inquiries a month from people looking for information. For example, he responded to 240 requests for assistance in May and 182 in June.

The museum is run by the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs, which is also responsible for the New York Army and Air National Guard.

Most of the queries are from people researching an ancestor, Gandy said. The most popular period is the Civil War but lately, as the world marked the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, he's been getting questions about World War I soldiers, many from people in Belgium.

As part of the commemoration of the war local residents in Belgium "adopted" the grave of a World War I soldier who died there. The New York National Guard's 27th Division was one of two American divisions that fought in Belgium under British command, so American soldiers are buried there, Gandy explained.

People get the name of the fallen soldier, go to Google to find out about him, find the list of New York National Guard soldiers who fought in World War I on the Military Museum website, and call or email for more information, Gandy said.

They normally get a few in-person visits from researchers, but this is the first time the museum has worked with a group seeking to find missing-in-action soldiers, he said.

"This is kind of extreme. I think they found a few things, but I'm not sure if it is actually going to help them," he said.

Pacific Islands Forum leaders endorse Pacific NCD Partnership

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—In their newly released communiqué, Pacific Islands Forum leaders have committed to support the Non-Communicable Diseases Partnership to be launched at the 3rd International Conference on Small Island Developing States in Apia, Samoa, on Sept. 1-4.

Non-communicable diseases, or NCDs, are a huge burden for Pacific Island countries and territories. Without action, disease rates will keep increasing. During the Forum meeting, Dr Colin Tukuitonga, Director-General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, informed leaders of the worsening situation and stressed that while there may be high levels of political will and commitment, more needs to be done.

Tukuitonga highlighted the findings of the recent Pacific NCD Roadmap Report (2014) showing that in many Pacific Island countries and territories, the costs of treating NCDs take up more than 50 percent of the total health budget.

In one Pacific Island country, treating one diabetic patient is equal to the average cost of treating 76 other people. Only 1.3 percent of the population can be treated with insulin before the total annual drug budget is exhausted. In another country, dialysis to treat kidney failure cost just under \$40,000 per patient per year in 2010-2011, or more than 12 times the Gross National Income per capita. Disability resulting from NCDs, including amputation and blindness, affects the productive members of Pacific communities, contributes to poverty and strains national budgets, taking a toll on individuals, families and economies.

The good news is the burden can be reduced with immediate and urgent action by governments and communities and the much needed support of development partners.

To reinforce these and other actions to reduce the prevalence of NCDs and contain present numbers, SPC is leading an initiative called the Pacific Part-



From left to right, Dr Colin Tukuitonga, SPC, the President of Kiribati, Anote Tong, and the President of Federated States of Micronesia, Emanuel Mori.

nership for a Multi-Sector Approach to Prevent and Control NCDs—in short, the Pacific NCD Partnership. The virtual and voluntary partnership will support a collaborative ap-

proach by partners toward implementing multi-sector action against NCDs, guided by the policy directives of the Pacific NCD Roadmap and the decisions taken by Pacific Minis-

ters of Economics and Health. National NCD Roadmaps with national targets, once developed, will also provide guidance for partner support at country level.

This new partnership reflects SPC's commitment to the people of Pacific SIDS and to the principle that "without health, there is no wealth, no development." (SPC)

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Advertising Feature

IT&E launches 4G network in the CNMI

IT&E, the CNMI's telecommunications leader, launched 4G in the CNMI on July 14. The new network allows users wireless Internet access at the highest speeds available. The new network is SIM-based, which means a wider choice of phones,

tablets, and MiFi broadband devices for their subscribers.

IT&E CNMI general manager Rose A. Soledad said: "We've added more value to our 4G including tiered data rate plans that will cater to the different customer needs, from

students to business leaders of our community."

"We have decided to tier our data so all our customers can enjoy the best 4G experience at a volume of their choice," said Hans W. Mickelson, IT&E CNMI Sales & Marketing manager.

"With the better choices of phones and the same superior coverage they rely on, plus the new 4G rate plans, IT&E offers user the best of both worlds."

IT&E executive director of Customer Operations Rob C. Harrell added, "With our newly

built state of the art network on Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam, we are confident that our subscribers will be pleased with the 4G experience. Also, we invite everyone into our newly remodeled customer service store on Middle Road, Chalan

Laolao, to enjoy the new convenient surroundings."

The IT&E Wireless Express Center in the TSL Plaza in Garapan is also open Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 9am to 6pm, with a full-time wireless technician available. (PR)

Tech goodies to bring along on trips

By ANICK JESDANUN
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

DENVER (AP)—Your swimsuit and your sunscreen are in the luggage, and your boarding passes are all printed out.

But did you remember your gadgets and chargers? Did you download enough entertainment? Do you know where you're going?

In my travels, I've come across a number of products and services worth bringing along:

KEEPING YOUR GADGETS CHARGED:

Duh. You'll need not only the charging cord, but also the unit for plugging into the wall outlet. Bring a power strip, too, if you're sharing a room. Otherwise, you'll be fighting for the few outlets that aren't hidden behind furniture or dangerously near a sink. If you're going abroad, bring adapters and

is Mophie's Space Pack for the iPhone 5 and 5s. It not only doubles battery life, but also gives you additional storage for photos and videos. A 16-gigabyte version retails for \$150, while a 32-gigabyte one costs \$180. A 64-gigabyte version starts selling next week for \$250.

With it, I get about two full days of general phone use. It's clunky to use, though. The iPhone uses its own power first, and you recharge the iPhone battery by switching on the Space Pack's battery. If you forget to switch it off, the pack's battery will continue to drain, even after the iPhone is fully recharged. The pack itself also takes a while to recharge—typically about four hours in my tests.

You need Mophie's free Space app to copy photos and other content to the Space Pack's storage. You then delete those files from the iPhone. It's like having an external hard drive

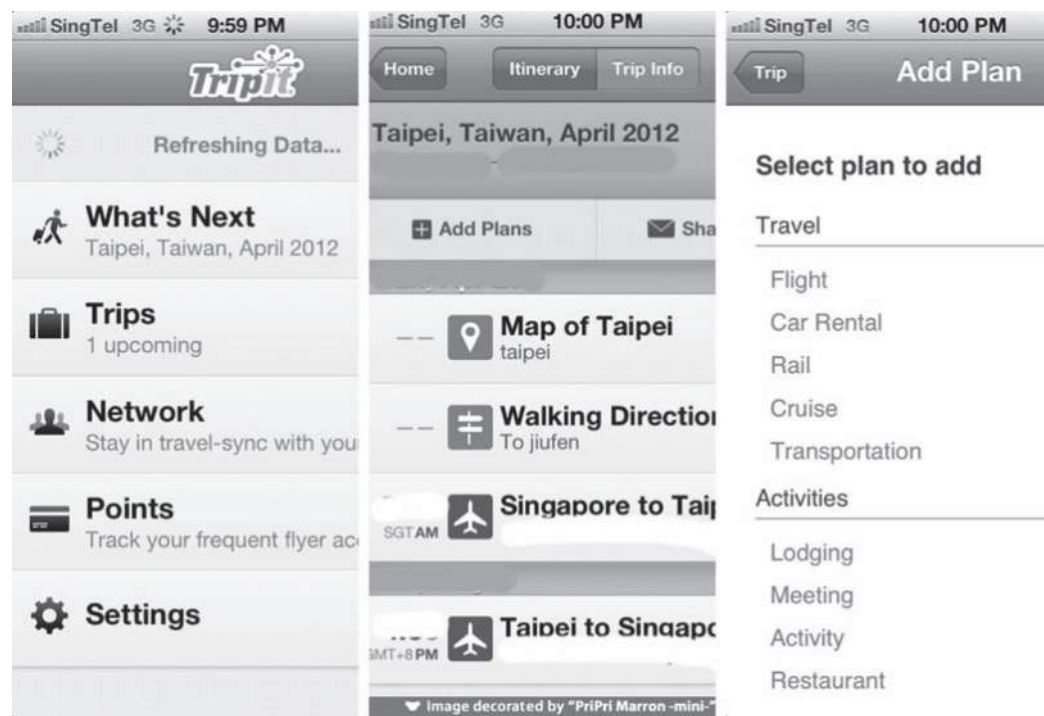
and having to manage what goes into it. Once I move photos to the pack, I'm not able to view them through the phone's Photos and iPhoto apps.

Because of these constraints, and the fact that the case is bulky and heavy, I'm better off with a regular, unpowered case when I'm near chargers. The Space Pack is

good for trips and other times I know I'd be draining the battery or filling up the phone's storage faster than usual.

KEEPING ORGANIZED:

I've been a loyal user of TripIt since I reviewed it in 2007. Back then, it was strictly a website for organizing your travel plans. Now, there are apps for various



TripIt automatically creates a day-by-day itinerary based on all the flight, hotel and other confirmation emails that you forward to it.

mobile devices. The apps remind you where to go next and offer easy links to your phone's mapping apps for directions.

TripIt automatically creates a day-by-day itinerary based on all the flight, hotel and other confirmation emails that you forward to it. TripIt automatically pulls out flight numbers and seating information from the email, while adding useful information such as gate numbers. For hotels, TripIt pulls out addresses and check-in times. You can add notes such as the hours for a national park you're visiting.

TripIt proved helpful this spring when I went with two friends to Yosemite National Park in California. I forwarded everyone's flight confirmations to keep track of who was arriving when. I added details on hikes we were planning and the dress code for a fancy dinner. I then shared a link with everyone. TripIt also kept track of buses, subways and ferries I needed in Chicago, Denver and San Francisco.

The basic service is free. I haven't found a need to pay \$49 a year for TripIt Pro, which offers information on alternate seats or flights and ways to track frequent flier programs.

TripIt Pro also offers alerts when gates and departure times change, but I get those free anyway as TripIt tries to show the benefits of upgrading.

Beyond TripIt, you might want to download apps for your airline. In many cases, you can check in and get a boarding pass on the phone—no printing needed.

KEEPING ENTERTAINED:

You might want to download some books, magazines and video ahead of time for when you don't have a good Internet connection.

If you'll be driving, consider an FM radio transmitter. These

gadgets transmit whatever's playing on your digital music player over an open frequency on the FM dial.

I bought Griffin's iTrip from a Best Buy in Minnesota in 2009 for about \$50. It has become essential for all my road trips. I simply plug the iTrip cord into my iPod's headphone jack. I then tune the car radio to an open FM frequency that iTrip finds for me. Podcasts, audiobooks and regular music come over the car speakers.

There are separate models for Apple devices depending on the type of charging port it has. For other devices, use the iTrip Auto Universal Plus, which uses the standard head-

phone jack. If you're getting Space Pack, you'll want this universal version, too, as the case covers up the iPhone's regular port. This model also has a USB port to charge gadgets while driving.

These transmitters don't work well in urban areas, where there aren't many free frequencies. Also, sound quality isn't as good as what you normally get over the radio. But it beats silence. Beware that other motorists within 30 feet might also be able to tune in to what you're listening to.

Smartphone shipments jump 25 percent in Q2

Nearly 300 million smartphones were shipped in the second quarter of this year, up almost 25 percent from the same period last year, according to market research firm International Data Corp.

Samsung remained the market leader, with 74.3 million units shipped. But that's a decline from last year's second quarter, when it shipped 77.3 million units, according to the release. Its market share declined from 32.3 percent to 25.2 percent.

Lenovo Group's shipments grew 38.7 percent, from 11.4 million to 15.8 million. Its share of the smartphone market also rose to 5.4 percent from 4.7 percent. Lenovo in January said it will buy Libertyville, Ill.-based cell phone maker Motorola Mobility from Google for \$2.91 billion.

Much of the growth in the smartphone industry is driven by emerging markets in Asia, South America and the Middle East, said Ramon Llamas, a research manager with IDC, driven by cheaper smartphone options.

"It's all about price, it's all about price," Llamas said. (Chicago Tribune)



This product image provided by Mophie shows the Mophie Space Pack for the iPhone.

make sure your chargers will work with the voltage there.

Also consider ways to keep your gadgets charged during the day. If you're driving, bring a USB charger that plugs into your car's cigarette lighter. There are also portable chargers you can plug gadgets into. Some phone cases also serve as spare batteries.

One product that stands out



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Filing of Candidacies



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), his wife Andrea, other family members and supporters pose for a group photo after Sablan filed his petition Thursday as a candidate for delegate.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
BJ Attao, a candidate for a House of Representatives seat representing Precinct 3, poses with his family and supporters after filing petitions on Friday. He is currently a senior legislative assistant at the House of Representatives.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Seven additional Republican Party candidates, their families and supporters pose for a group photo after filing their candidacies on Thursday at the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe. This brings to 27 the total number of GOP bets for the November 6 general elections.

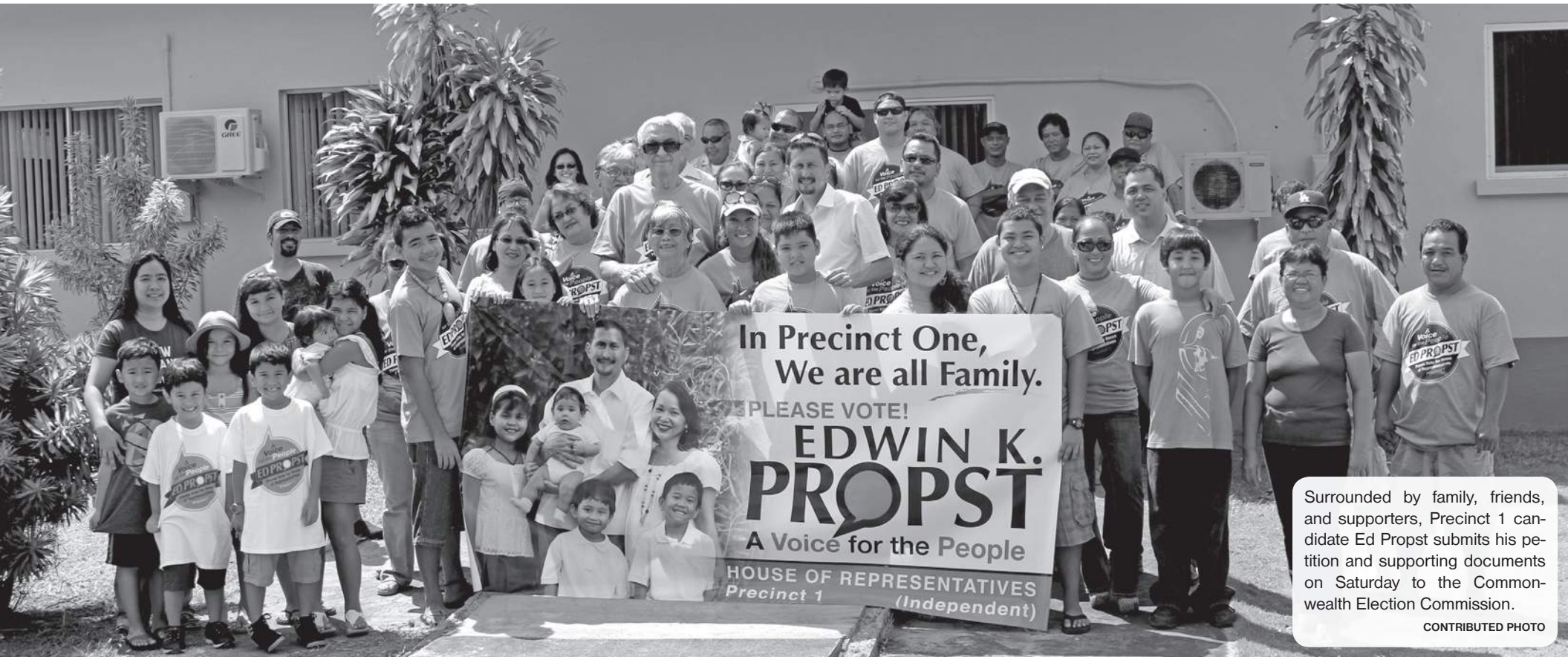


Independent candidates from Tinian, including Mayor Ramon "Ray" Dela Cruz, pose for a group photo after filing their candidacies on Friday.
HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Candidates for the Tinian Municipal Council file their petitions on Friday at the Commonwealth Election Commission.
HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Saipan mayoral candidate David Apatang, a former representative, is flanked by his family and supporters after filing his candidacy on Friday.
HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Surrounded by family, friends, and supporters, Precinct 1 candidate Ed Propst submits his petition and supporting documents on Saturday to the Commonwealth Election Commission.
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Business

US job growth eases but still tops 200,000 for a 6th month

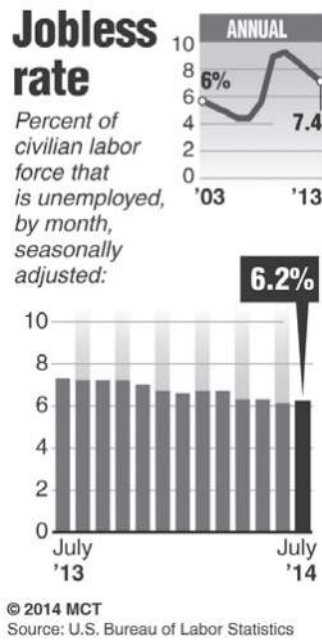
WASHINGTON (AP)—A sixth straight month of solid 200,000-plus job growth in July reinforced growing evidence that the U.S. economy is accelerating after five years of sluggish expansion.

Employers added 209,000 jobs last month. Though that was fewer than in the previous three months, the economy has now produced an average 244,000 jobs a month since February—the best six-month string in eight years.

At the same time, most economists don't think the pace of job growth is enough to cause the Federal Reserve to speed up its timetable for raising interest rates. Most still think the Fed will start raising rates to ward off inflation around mid-2015.

The Labor Department's jobs report Friday pointed to an economy that has bounced back with force after a grim start to the year and is expected to sustain its strength into 2015. Economists generally expect it to grow at a 3 percent annual rate in the second half of this year after expanding 4 percent in the second quarter. Consumer spending is rising, manufacturing is expanding rapidly and auto sales are up.

"There is no doubt that the economy and the labor market have been strengthening," said Sung Won Sohn, an economist at California State University's Smith School of Business. "People are rejoining the labor force. All these factors point to moderate, but sustained economic growth in 2014."



US auto sales sizzle in July

DETROIT (AP)—Big discounts helped U.S. auto sales sizzle in July.

Toyota, Ford, Nissan and Chrysler all saw double-digit sales gains. General Motors' sales were up 9 percent compared with last July, while Hyundai's rose 1.5 percent. Of major automakers, only Honda and Volkswagen saw declines.

It was the best July for the industry since 2006. New vehicle sales rose 9 percent to 1.4 million, according to Autodata Corp.

Automakers typically offer deals in the summer to clear out inventory before cars from the new model year arrive in the fall. But July's discounts were unusually high.

Incentives rose 8 percent—

or \$216 per vehicle—over last July, according to Jesse Toprak, chief analyst for the car shopping site Cars.com. Incentives averaged \$2,774 per vehicle, their highest level since August 2010. Toprak said Ford, Toyota, Volkswagen and Hyundai were the most generous; GM and Honda spent less.

Toyota was offering zero-percent financing on a five-year loan and \$1,000 cash back on the Camry sedan. Ford offered \$6,000 cash back on a new Expedition SUV. And Chrysler was peddling a \$99 per month, two-year lease on a Dodge Dart.

Edmunds.com said 13.5 percent of new car loans in July had zero-percent financing, the highest level since Decem-

ber 2010.

John Felice, Ford's U.S. sales chief, says a slowing rate of sales growth will force automakers to get even more aggressive to steal sales away from competitors. That's already happening with small and midsize cars. For instance, buyers are paying an average of \$1,000 less for a Ford Fusion sedan than they did a year ago, Felice said.

But demand for SUVs and trucks remains strong, and so does pricing. Overall, Felice said, buyers are still paying \$800 more per vehicle than they did last year. That's because even with discounting, more people are choosing pricier SUVs and loading them up with features.

tors to pay for deaths and injuries caused by its vehicles with faulty ignitions is accepting claims. The five-month filing period that began Friday is part of the fallout from General Motors' recall of 2.6 million small cars beginning in February. That recall forced General Motors Corp. to acknowledge it knew about the defective switches for more than a decade and triggered a sweeping safety review that has resulted in a series of additional recalls. About 29 GM vehicles have been recalled this year. Drivers, passengers and pedestrians killed or hurt by one of the defective GM vehicles can file a claim through Dec. 31. GM has already absorbed a \$400 million charge to cover the potential payments to be made by the fund. (AP)

Rare summer relief for gasoline prices

NEW YORK (AP)—The gasoline price roller coaster is

running a strange course this summer. August began with the lowest average gasoline price for this time of year since 2010. Just a few weeks ago, drivers were paying the highest gasoline July Fourth gasoline price in six years. The average price of a gallon of gasoline is \$3.52 after falling 16 cents over the last month. Prices may continue to slide in early August and post larger drops after Labor Day—as long as there are no hurricanes that halt production in the Gulf Coast or violence in the Middle East that disrupts crude supplies. Gasoline prices usually drop between Memorial Day and July Fourth after refiners have begun making more-expensive summer blends of gasoline. They then tend to rise between July Fourth and Labor Day as vacation drivers burn through supplies and traders worry about hurricanes.

Nation

No drinking water at Ohio city

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—Long lines formed at water distribution centers and store shelves were quickly emptied of bottled water after Ohio's fourth-largest city told residents not to drink from its water supply that was fouled by toxins possibly from algae on Lake Erie.

The warning effectively cut off the water supply to 400,000 people in Toledo, most of its suburbs and a few areas in southeastern Michigan.

Worried residents told not to drink, brush their teeth or wash dishes with the water emptied store shelves and waited hours for deliveries of bottled water from across Ohio as the governor declared a state of emergency.

Gov. John Kasich pledged



Firefighter Bryan West, left, works with Clara Cousino, 4, center, and Clay Cousino, 2, right, both to fill buckets with water at the fire station in Oregon, Ohio, Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2014.

that state agencies were working to bring water and other supplies to areas around Toledo while also assisting hospitals and other businesses impacted. The state also was making plans to make more

deliveries if the water problem lingered, he said.

"What's more important than water? Water's about life," Kasich said. "We know it's difficult. We know it's frustrating."

US doctor with Ebola in Atlanta for treatment

ATLANTA (AP)—The first Ebola victim to be brought to the United States from Africa was safely escorted into a specialized isolation unit Saturday at one of the nation's best hospitals, where doctors said they are confident the deadly virus won't escape.

Fear that the outbreak killing more than 700 people in Africa could spread in the U.S. has generated considerable anxiety among some Americans. But infectious disease experts said the public faces zero risk as Emory University Hospital treats a critically ill missionary doctor and a charity worker who were infected in Liberia.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has received "nasty emails" and at least 100 calls from

people saying "How dare you bring Ebola into the country!?" CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden told The Associated Press Saturday.

"I hope that our understandable fear of the unfamiliar does not trump our compassion when ill Americans return to the U.S. for care," Frieden said.

Dr. Kent Brantly and Nancy Writebol, who will arrive in several days, will be treated in Emory's isolation unit for infectious diseases, created 12 years ago to handle doctors who get sick at the CDC, just up the hill. It is one of about four in the country, equipped with everything necessary to test and treat people exposed to very dangerous viruses.

In 2005, it handled patients with SARS, which unlike Eb-

ola can spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

In fact, the nature of Ebola—which is spread by close contact with bodily fluids and blood—means that any modern hospital using standard, rigorous, infection-control measures should be able to handle it.

Still, Emory won't be taking any chances.

"Nothing comes out of this unit until it is non-infectious," said Dr. Bruce Ribner, who will be treating the patients. "The bottom line is: We have an inordinate amount of safety associated with the care of this patient. And we do not believe that any health care worker, any other patient or any visitor to our facility is in any way at risk of acquiring this infection."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

China car parts plant blast kills 69, hurts 187

BEIJING (AP)—A suspected dust explosion at an automotive parts factory in eastern China that supplies General Motors killed at least 69 people and injured more than 180 others, state media reported Sunday, again highlighting workplace safety that remains a concern. It was China's most serious industrial disaster since a fire at a poultry plant killed 119 people in June last year. Saturday morning's explosion occurred when more than 200 workers were on the site of the factory, which is in an industrial zone in the city of Kunshan, officials from the city said at a news conference. Kunshan, in Jiangsu province, is about 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) southeast of Beijing.

GM's faulty-ignition fund taking victims' claims

A fund set up by General Mo-

ACROSS THE NATION

California governor declares emergency amid fires

ALTURAS, Calif. (AP)—More than a dozen wildfires in California, some of which destroyed homes, forced evacuations and damaged infrastructure, prompted Gov. Jerry Brown to declare a state of emergency on Saturday. The move came as fires in other West Coast states chewed through parched forests, brush and terrain, destroying some homes and threatening many others. In California, dry lighting, high temperatures and severe drought conditions exacerbated the fire danger.

Virginia teen gets probation in sexting case

MANASSAS, Va. (AP)—A Virginia teenager has been given a year on probation in a sexting case that once included a search warrant for a picture of his genitals. A judge on Friday placed the teen on probation and said he would consider dismissing the two child pornography counts against the teen if he stays free of trouble for a year. The case drew attention because police at one point sought to

take pictures of the teen's erect penis in order to prove the case against him. Police and prosecutors faced criticism, and police later said they would not seek the photos. Police wanted the pictures to compare against images he is accused of sending to his girlfriend, who was 15 at the time.

Mom thanked Jesus after chokehold homicide ruling

NEW YORK (AP)—After her son was placed in a police chokehold and died saying, "I can't breathe," Gwen Carr would wake up screaming, "Let him go! Give him air!" she said Saturday. When she heard his death had been ruled a homicide, she said, her first words were, "Thank you, Jesus!" Carr and eight other relatives of the late Eric Garner attended a rally in Manhattan led by the Rev. Al Sharpton that celebrated the homicide ruling issued Friday by the city medical examiner. Sharpton said the ruling is "probable cause" for the quick arrest of Officer Daniel Pantaleo, the white police officer who used the chokehold on Garner, who is black, on July 17 on Staten Island.

Asia

Rain hampering search for over 100 missing in Nepal

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Fresh rainfall was hampering a search Sunday for scores of villagers missing after a massive landslide in northern Nepal, where army troops used explosives to blast a river blockage in an attempt to release a dangerous water buildup.

Police said eight bodies have been recovered so far. According to officials, some 155 people are missing while villagers said more than 100 people were thought to have been buried by the landslide that engulfed houses in Mankha, about 120 kilometers (75 miles) east of Katmandu, on Saturday.

“We have 155 people who are believed to be missing. Rescuers are continuing to search for the missing through the debris, but the water level and mud is making the work really difficult,” said Gopal Parajuli, the chief government administrator in the area.

Fresh rain Sunday was making it difficult for police and



Nepalese security personnel gather for rescue work at the site of a landslide in Sindhupalchowk area, about 120 kilometers (75 miles) east of Katmandu, Nepal, Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014.

army rescuers to sift through the piles of mud and rocks in search of survivors, said police official Laxman Singh.

Controlled explosions by the army were able to knock down part of the earth wall that had blocked a river and created a temporary dam, allowing some

water to flow out but much of it still remained trapped, posing an immediate threat to downstream villages as far as India.

Parajuli said the amount of water flowing out of the dam and pouring in was almost the same Sunday morning, keeping the water level stable.

Taiwan blast probe eyes petrochem firm

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Authorities in Taiwan’s second-biggest city zeroed in on a petrochemical firm Saturday in their investigation into a series of gas pipeline explosions that killed 28 people and injured 286, as anger rose over the handling of the disaster.

The government is seeking to pinpoint the cause of five blasts that tore through streets in the city of Kaohsiung starting at around midnight Thursday, flinging cars into the air and blasting cement rubble at passers-by, many of whom were out late at a nearby night market.

The city’s environmental officials said LCY Chemical Corp., a Taiwanese petrochemical firm, had failed to notify author-



ities of problems with a pipeline in the area despite being aware of irregularities in deliveries going through that pipeline that night. This caused delays in the government’s response to the

disaster, said the officials, who are facing growing public anger.

“If we were informed earlier by LCY, we could have evacuated everyone,” Chen Chin-der, director of the Environmental Protection Bureau in Kaohsiung, an industrial port city of 2.8 million people, said at a televised news conference Saturday.

The pipeline was leaking nearly four tons of propene every hour as pressure dropped at around 8:45 p.m. Thursday, Chen said.

Propene, also known as propylene, is mainly used for making the plastic polypropylene, which is used in a wide variety of packaging, caps and films. It is a highly flammable, colorless gas with a mildly unpleasant smell.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Hopes fading for scores buried in Indian landslide

NEW DELHI (AP)—Hopes are fading of finding scores of people still missing three days after a landslide in western India buried a village, killing at least 76 people, an official said Saturday. Intermittent rain over the past few days had turned the site of the landslide into a swamp, making it extremely difficult for rescue workers to locate bodies in the mud, said Alok Awasthy, the official in charge of the rescue operation. Wednesday’s landslide engulfed Malin village, located in Pune district of Maharashtra state. Rescue workers have pulled 76 bodies from the more than 4.5 meters (15 feet) of heavy mud and debris that submerged the village.

China: 96 killed last week in Xinjiang

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese state media released a detailed casualty count Sunday for last week’s violence in the western province of Xinjiang, with 37 people and 59 attackers killed in the deadliest unrest in months that authorities blame on ethnic separatists. The official Xinhua News Agency, which had previously said only dozens were

killed, reported that attackers armed with knives and axes stormed a police station and government offices in Elixku township last Monday and then moved onto nearby Huangdi township. The agency said 13 people were injured and 215 attackers arrested, and that the dead civilians included 35 Han ethnic majority members and two Uighurs.

Japan names 5 disputed islets in East China Sea

TOKYO (AP)—Japan on Friday gave names to five uninhabited islets in an island group at the center of a territorial dispute with China as part of efforts to reinforce its claim, sparking quick condemnation from Beijing. The five islands, named after directions of the compass, are part of the group in the East China Sea known as Senkaku in Japanese and Diaoyu in Chinese. Five bigger islands in the group already have names. Chinese and Japanese coast guard ships have regularly confronted each other in surrounding waters. The five were among 158 islands that were named Friday, with the list published on a website of the Japanese maritime policy department. The other islands are in non-disputed Japanese waters.

World

Missing Israeli soldier found dead

JERUSALEM (AP)—The Israeli military said Sunday that an Israeli soldier it previously believed had been captured by Hamas fighters in a Gaza ambush had in fact been killed in battle that day.

The soldier’s purported capture Friday had helped shatter an internationally brokered cease-fire, drawn global condemnation and triggered a military assault on the area of his disappearance in southern Gaza that left dozens of Palestinians dead and scores of homes destroyed.

The military did not explain how it reached the conclusion that Hadar Goldin, a 23-year-old infantry lieutenant, was killed in battle Friday.

The announcement of his death came amid signs that Israel is scaling back its 27-day-old ground operation in Gaza.

In a televised address late Saturday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu suggested troops would reassess the operation after completing the demolition of Hamas military tunnels under the Gaza-Israel border. Security officials said the tunnel mission was winding down.

Cease-fire ends

A planned 72-hour cease-fire collapsed in less than two hours Friday. Here’s a look at how the conflict has developed.

June 30: Bodies of three missing Israeli teenagers found.

July 1: Israeli airstrikes target 34 sites

July 3: Israel mobilizes troops around Gaza, Palestinian militants step up rocket attacks.

July 12: U.N. calls for a cease-fire.

July 15: Palestinian militants fire more than 140 rockets, spurning the cease-fire proposal

July 17: Israeli ground troops enter Gaza.

July 28: U.S. President Barack Obama and the U.N. issue statements demanding a truce.

Aug. 1: Hamas and IDF soldiers exchange fire, ending a planned 72-hour cease-fire announced the day before. An Israeli soldier is believed to have been kidnapped in the fight.

Source: Chicago Tribune, MCT, IDF
Graphic: Tyler Davis © 2014 MCT

At the same time, Netanyahu warned that Hamas would pay an “intolerable price” if it continued to fire rockets at Israel and that all options remain on the table.

Hamas said it would not halt its fire if Israel withdraws unilaterally.

“We will continue to resist until we achieve our goals,” Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said after Netanyahu’s speech, dismissing the Israeli leader’s remarks as “confused.”

Hamas has said it will not halt hostilities until Israel and Egypt lift their blockade of Gaza, imposed after Hamas overran the territory in 2007.

Egypt was to have hosted indirect talks between Israel and Hamas on a sustainable cease-fire, including new border arrangements for Gaza. The talks were to begin as an internationally brokered three-day truce took hold, starting Friday.

Instead, the arrangement broke down over Goldin’s purported capture and the ensuing violence, and Israel said it won’t attend such talks, at least for the time being.

Syria rebels raid Lebanese town, capture troops

BEIRUT (AP)—Rebels fighting in Syria’s civil war crossed into Lebanon and raided a border town Saturday, killing and capturing security force members in the most serious incursion into the tiny country during its neighbor’s 3-year-old conflict.

The rebels, who included foreign fighters, demanded to trade soldiers and police officers if captured in Aarsal for some of the “most dangerous detainees,” the Lebanese army said in a statement. Masked

gunmen roamed the streets as Lebanese helicopter gunships flew over the town, about 90 kilometers (55 miles) from the capital, Beirut.

A Lebanese army general told The Associated Press that the gunmen attacked army positions near Aarsal and troops returned fire. Another official said the gunmen also took control of the main police station in the town.

Lebanon’s state-run National News Agency reported that Aarsal residents later freed police

officers at the station, though rebels captured some weapons and released several detainees. It said gunmen killed two residents near the police station.

A picture posted online allegedly showed gunmen in Aarsal driving away with about a dozen men, two of them in police uniforms. The photograph corresponded to other AP reporting about the attack.

Gunmen killed two soldiers and wounded several others, the National News Agency reported.

WORLD BRIEFS

More human remains recovered at Ukraine site

AMSTERDAM (AP)—Investigators using sniffer dogs recovered more human remains and personal belongings at the Malaysia Airlines wreckage site in eastern Ukraine on Saturday, the head of an international recovery mission said. Speaking from the Ukrainian capital Kiev, Pieter-Jaap Aalbersberg said 70 Dutch and Australian investigators were able to reach the site for the second consecutive day, despite clashes between pro-Russia separatist rebels and Ukrainian forces nearby. Flight 17 was shot down above the village of Hrabove July 17 with what the West says was a Russian-made missile fired by the rebels, killing all 298 passengers and crew, most of them Dutch.

Outbreak of fighting in Nagorno-Karabakh kills 15

BAKU, Azerbaijan (AP)—A sharp escalation in fighting between Azerbaijan and Armenia over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh has left 15 soldiers dead and prompted Russia to issue an urgent call for calm. Azerbaijan’s De-

fense Ministry said Saturday that 12 of its troops have been killed in the past four days, including four overnight. Nagorno-Karabakh’s armed forces said one of its soldiers was killed early Saturday, the third in recent days. Azerbaijan’s Nagorno-Karabakh region and some adjacent territory have been under the control of Armenian soldiers and ethnic Armenian local troops since the end of a six-year separatist war in 1994.

Libya: 22 killed in Tripoli airport clashes

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libya’s interim government says a day of militia fighting for control of the international airport in the capital Tripoli has killed 22 people. In a statement early Sunday, it said “heavily armed groups” have shelled “civilian targets” endangering thousands of citizens and leaving hundreds of families displaced. The 22 people were killed on Saturday alone, the latest casualties in fighting that has claimed more than 200 lives in recent weeks. Libya is in the grip of its worst violence since the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

Health & Fitness

US warns against traveling to Ebola-hit countries

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. health officials on Thursday warned Americans not to travel to the three West African countries hit by an outbreak of Ebola.

The travel advisory applies to nonessential travel to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, where the deadly disease has killed more than 700 people this year.

"The bottom line is Ebola is

worsening in West Africa," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who announced the travel warning.

He called Ebola "a tragic, dreadful and merciless virus."

The purpose of the travel warning is to not only protect U.S. travelers, but limit their use of overburdened clinics and

hospitals for injuries or other illnesses, he said.

Also Thursday, the White House said it is looking into options for bringing back two American aid workers sick with Ebola in Liberia. It would be the first time the disease was brought into the country.

For more than a month, CDC has advised travelers to simply

take precautions when in the outbreak region. Thursday's alert is the highest-level. The World Health Organization, however, has not issued a similar travel warning for the West Africa region. The last time the CDC issued a high-level warning was in 2003 because of a SARS outbreak in Asia.

The current outbreak is the largest since the disease first emerged in Africa nearly 40 years ago. The virus is contagious and is spread by direct contact with blood or bodily fluids from a sick person. Ebola can't be spread like flu through casual contact or breathing in the same air.

Experts estimate that in this outbreak, about 60 percent of the people who have gotten sick with Ebola have died—a frightening fatality rate that is among the highest of any disease. There is no vaccine and no specific treatment for it.

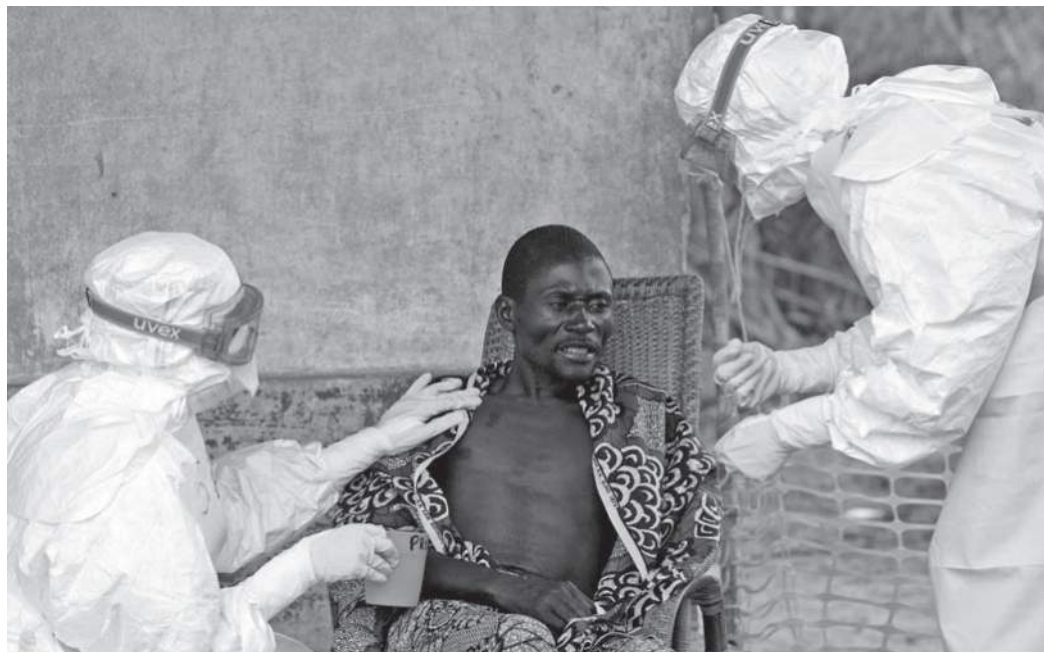
The two American aid workers in Liberia diagnosed with Ebola are Dr. Kent Brantly and Nancy Writebol, who work for North Carolina-based groups. Writebol was getting an experimental treatment, the mission groups said Thursday.

"I remain hopeful and believing that Kent will be healed from this dreadful disease," Brantly's wife, Amber, said in a statement

released by the aid group he works with, Samaritan's Purse. She and the couple's two young children left Liberia for Texas before her husband was infected, and she said they are fine.

Late Thursday afternoon, officials at Atlanta's Emory University Hospital said they expected one of the Americans to be transferred there "within the next several days." The hospital declined to identify which aid worker, citing privacy laws.

The hospital, which is near the CDC's main campus, has a special isolation unit built in collaboration with the CDC. It is one of only four facilities of its kind in the United States.



In this Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, file photo, a 43 year old Congolese patient, center, who has been confirmed to have Ebola hemorrhagic fever, following laboratory tests, is comforted by Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders) nurse Isabel Grovas, left, and Doctor Hilde Declerck, right, in Kampungu, Kasai Occidental province, Congo.

Why isn't there a treatment or vaccine for Ebola?

By MARIA CHENG
AP MEDICAL WRITER

LONDON (AP)—In the four decades since the Ebola virus was first identified in Africa, treatment hasn't changed much. There are no licensed drugs or vaccines for the deadly disease.

Some are being developed, but none have been rigorously tested in humans. One experimental treatment, though, was tried this week in an American aid worker sick with Ebola, according to the U.S.-based group that she works for in Liberia.

Without a specific treatment, doctors and nurses focus on easing the disease's symptoms—fever, headache, vomiting and diarrhea—and on keeping patients hydrated and comfortable.

The outbreak in three West African countries—Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone—has sickened more than 1,300 people and more than 700 have died since March.

WHY ISN'T THERE A TREATMENT BY NOW?

For one thing, the Ebola virus is hard to work with. The virus doesn't grow well in petri dishes and experiments can only be done in the relatively few labs with the highest security measures.

And while Ebola is lethal, it's rare. Outbreaks are unpredictable, giving doctors few chances to test new treatments. While the current epidemic is the largest recorded, the number of people sickened by Ebola is small compared to the number killed by other diseases like malaria or dengue. Much of the funding for

Ebola research is from governments that worry about the virus being used in a bioterror attack.

"It's not economically viable for any company to do this kind of research because they have stockholders to think about," said Ben Neuman, a virologist at the University of Reading in Britain.

WHAT'S IN THE PIPELINE?

There are about a half dozen Ebola drugs and vaccines in development, several of which have received funding from the U.S. One drug developed by the U.S. Army has shown promising results when tested in monkeys.

"We think this may work because of the animal models but until you do the studies in humans, you just don't know," said Fred Hayden, an infectious diseases specialist at the University of Virginia, who was not involved in the research.

While animal studies for vaccine candidates have been encouraging, it's unclear what dose humans would need.

A Canadian company, Tekmira, has a \$140 million contract with the U.S. government to develop a Ebola vaccine. An early test of the shot in healthy humans was stopped recently after the Food and Drug Administration asked for more safety information.

SHOULD EXPERIMENTAL DRUGS BE USED NOW?

Scientists are split on whether or not it is a good idea to try experimental drugs and vaccines before they are approved but the prospect is being informally

discussed.

"Given the prolonged and unprecedented nature of the epidemic, we need to carefully consider this," said Dr. Peter Piot, the co-discoverer of Ebola in 1976 and director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

The World Health Organization has no plans to facilitate any clinical trials during this outbreak, spokesman Gregory Hartl said.

Other experts say it's unethical to use treatments or vaccines that haven't been properly tested, and warn the results could be disastrous.

"None of these drugs or vaccines are ready to be used in humans from a legal point of view," said Dr. Heinz Feldmann, chief of virology at the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

It would be impossible to vaccinate or treat everyone in the region but if any tests do proceed, they would probably be focused on those at highest risk: health care workers.

The American woman who got the experimental drug in Liberia worked at a hospital where Ebola patients were treated. It's not known what kind of treatment she received.

If health care workers are treated, "We will have to explain why some people are getting the vaccine and others are not," Feldmann said, adding there are still vast areas of West African communities suspicious of Western aid workers and their treatments. "At the moment, it doesn't even look like the local population wants it."

Medicare drug premiums to rise for 2nd year

WASHINGTON (AP)—Medicare says premiums for prescription drug plans will rise in 2015 for the second year in a row.

Officials said Thursday that Medicare's average monthly drug premium will rise next year to \$32.

The modest increase of \$1 a month comes amid worries over

the future impact of costly new medications. Sovaldi, for example, cures hepatitis C but costs \$1,000 a pill.

Most Medicare beneficiaries have prescription drug coverage.

But consumers should pay attention because the average premium says little about what any one person pays.

Premiums change every year, so consumer advocates say beneficiaries should check their plan during open enrollment, from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, and seek better deals if they're not satisfied.

This year, the average premium also went up by \$1, after three stable years.

Personal Trainer

Insurance for the shoulders

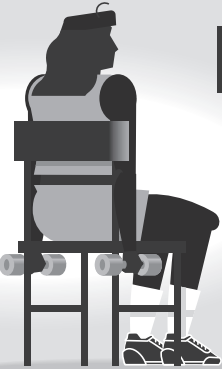
This exercise strengthens the shoulder joints and helps protect them from overextension when throwing, reaching or pulling.

- 1 Warm up for 5 minutes by jogging in place; move shoulders, arms, neck and back through their full range of motion

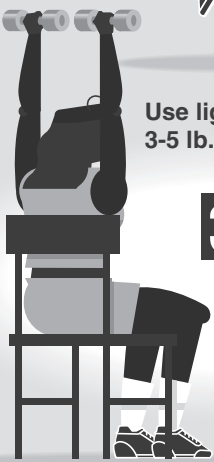


Use light dumbbells
3-5 lb. (1.5-2 kg)

- 2 Sit on bench or stool with feet flat, back straight and abdominal muscles tight



- 3 Hold dumbbell in each hand; lift arms overhead with palms forward

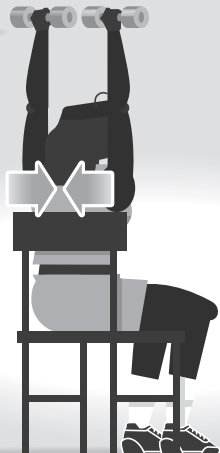


- 4 Slowly squeeze shoulder blades together and bend elbows; lower dumbbells to shoulders



- 5 Again squeeze shoulder blades and lift weights overhead

Repeat in sets of four



Life & Style

Ohio theme park says it topped shaved-heads record

MASON, Ohio (AP)—With wide grins and a few apprehensive looks, more than 200 people lost their hair Friday at an amusement park as they worked to break the Guinness record for most heads shaved simultaneously.

Hair littered the ground at Kings Island as 213 people had their heads shaved at part of the park's Kicks Cancer campaign to raise awareness and money for the fight against cancer. The current record of 182 heads shaved simultaneously was achieved by a cancer charity in Canberra, Australia, on March 29, Guinness World Records says.

Stylists from Great Clips salons around the state did the shaving at the park north of Cincinnati as males and females of all ages sacrificed their tresses. For some, there were personal motivations as well.

Eric Gagliano and his 11-year-old son, Ben, said they especially wanted to participate because Ben's grandmother is fighting brain cancer.

"We just felt this was something we needed to do for my mother-in-law, and we also



Daquette McClure, top left, shaves the head of Eric Gagliano, while Samantha House, top right, shaves the head of his son, Ben Gagliano, 11, Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, at Kings Island amusement park in Mason, Ohio, in an attempt to set a new Guinness world record and to raise awareness and money to fight cancer.

have a good friend who lost a child to brain cancer," said Eric Gagliano, 42, of Beavercreek, near Dayton. "I think everyone knows someone who has been touched by cancer."

Ben, who said he never had his head shaved before, said he would probably do it again

to help others. But when his dad jokingly talked of shaving the rest of the stubble from his son's newly shorn head for a completely bald look, Ben's response was a grinning, but emphatic, "No way."

Stylist Samantha House, who cut Ben's hair, also had a special

motivation. She said her grandmother died of cancer.

"I was just so happy to be able to be a part of this," said House, 29, of South Lebanon.

A Guinness spokeswoman said Friday that it will take about six to eight weeks to certify the park's claim.

Trombone Shorty replaces boy's stolen trombone

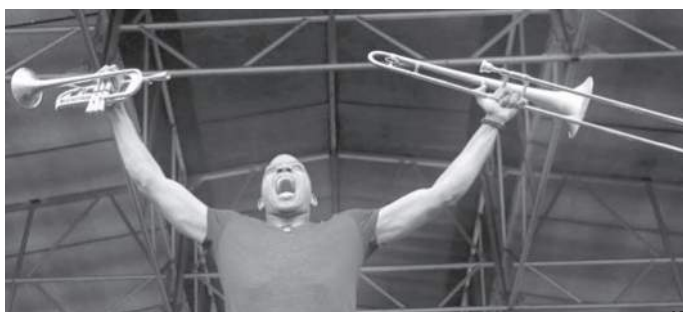
NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A 14-year-old whose trombone was stolen at gunpoint has a new one thanks to musician Troy Andrews, much better known as Trombone Shorty.

Bill Taylor, executive director of the Trombone Shorty Foundation, said he delivered the instrument, which is engraved with the name "Trombone Shorty," on Saturday.

"He was like speechless. And I got Troy on the phone. As soon as I gave him the horn I had Shorty on the line and gave him the phone," Taylor said.

Andrews described the phone call in an emailed statement: "He was full of joy, thankful and happy. I think we were both very excited to speak to each other. He seems like a cool kid and I'm happy that after a situation like that, I can help to put a smile on his face."

The foundation didn't release the boy's name. The mother accepted the offer of the new trombone after receiving assurances that the boy's name wouldn't be released because she feared for his safety.



Trombone Shorty performs at the Newport Jazz Festival in Newport, R.I., Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014.

He was walking home from band practice Thursday night in the middle-class neighborhood around his school when

a gunman jumped from a van and grabbed his shirt, demanding his trombone, New Orleans police said.

'American Idol' contestant Michael Johns dies

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"American Idol" contestant Michael Johns, who appeared in season 7 of the hit Fox singing competition and was voted off in an eighth-round stunner, has died. He was 35.

The network and his family released statements Saturday confirming the Australian-born singer's death.

His family says it appreciated the support streaming in from around the world but said the loss of "a wonderful husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend"



Johns

was devastating.

Fox called Johns "an incredible talent" and a part of the show's family who would be missed.

Johns had never been in the show's bottom three vote-getters when he was eliminated in

April 2008. After "Idol," he released an album, "Hold Back My Heart," in 2009.

The Hollywood Reporter says Johns died Friday. A cause of death wasn't immediately available.

RFK Jr., actress Hines wed at the Kennedy compound

HYANNIS, Mass. (AP)—Robert Kennedy Jr. and "Curb Your Enthusiasm" actress Cheryl Hines are now husband and wife.

The couple married Saturday before family and friends gathered at the Kennedy compound in Hyannis Port on Cape Cod.

The 60-year-old Robert Kennedy is an environmental lawyer

and activist who lives in New York. He is son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and nephew of President John F. Kennedy and the late Sen. Edward Kennedy. It is his third marriage.

The 48-year-old Hines has been nominated twice for Emmys for her role playing Larry David's wife on HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

'Shield' actor waives hearing in wife's death

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actor Michael Jace, who has been charged with killing his wife, has waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

The decision Friday in Los Angeles Superior Court means the case will proceed to trial without an initial presentation of evidence to a judge.

The actor's attorney, Jason Sias, said outside court that the case is still under investigation

and the defense will be presented at trial.

Jace is accused of shooting his wife, April Jace, in their Los Angeles home on May 19. He pleaded not guilty during his June arraignment.

Jace played a police officer on "The Shield" TV series, appeared in the show "Southland" and had small roles in such movies as "Boogie Nights" and "Forrest Gump."

Fear of the future paralyzes woman who wants children

DEAR ABBY: I am a happily married, 26-year-old female with just one problem: I'm afraid to have children.

I have always wanted children, and it's something my husband and I often discuss. Anytime we are asked when we plan to start our family, we always say four to five years, but we have been saying this same thing for four years. I always thought I'd be ready by now.

My husband has been very sick for the past few years and had to take time off work. We were able to scrape by on my salary, but it was tough. He returned to work recently and is fine. But now all I can think about is how much children cost, and I'm afraid we'll never have enough money to have a baby.

I also worry about what if our child would be killed in an accident, molested or kidnapped! I ask myself why anyone would want to bring children into such a scary world, yet I still want them. Please help me. I am very upset and don't know what to do.

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DEAR UNCERTAIN: I understand your concerns and they are valid. Having children is an act of faith as well as an investment in the future.

If you think about it, life itself is a gamble. Mature individu-

als do everything they can to keep the odds in their favor. They work hard, live healthy lives, buy insurance, start an education fund for their children, etc. There are no guarantees—but people keep having children anyway.

Because you feel stuck in making this decision, it would be helpful to discuss your concerns with a licensed mental health professional who can help you put your fears to rest.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old mother of a 5-year-old girl. I have been dating "Mack" for two years. Everything was great at first, but when I moved in with him things changed.

I don't have a car right now. I work less than a mile away, so I walk mostly and don't mind. The problem is, when Mack gets off work, he picks up his son and goes straight home. He doesn't call or text me to ask where I am, or drive by to see where my child and I are walking. When I arrive home, I'll find his son watching TV and Mack doing something else.

I keep telling him I need respect. What would you do if you were in my shoes? Temperatures are in the mid-90s here in the summer, and it can get to you when you're walking.

UPSET MAMA IN TEXAS

DEAR UPSET: If you haven't ASKED Mack to pick you up when he leaves work so you're not stuck in the blazing heat—

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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with your child, yet—you should. That he wouldn't think of it himself shows not only a lack of consideration for your feelings but also for your little girl's welfare.

Because his behavior has changed since you started living with him, consider this change to be a red flag. If things don't improve, start looking for other living arrangements for you and your daughter because it appears you and Mack do better when you're not cohabiting.

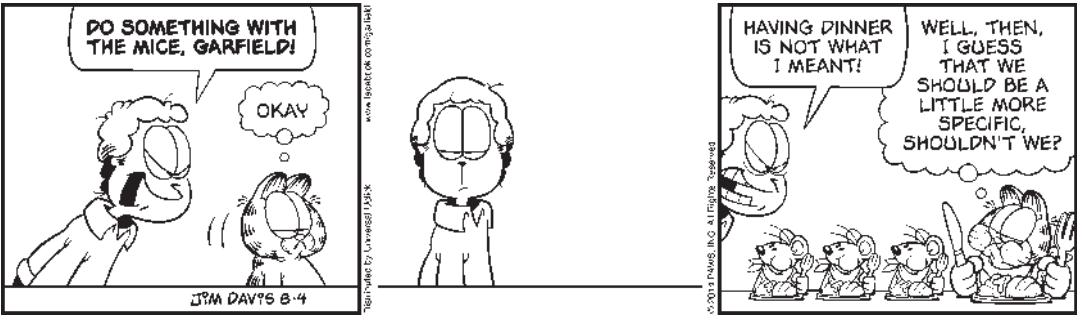
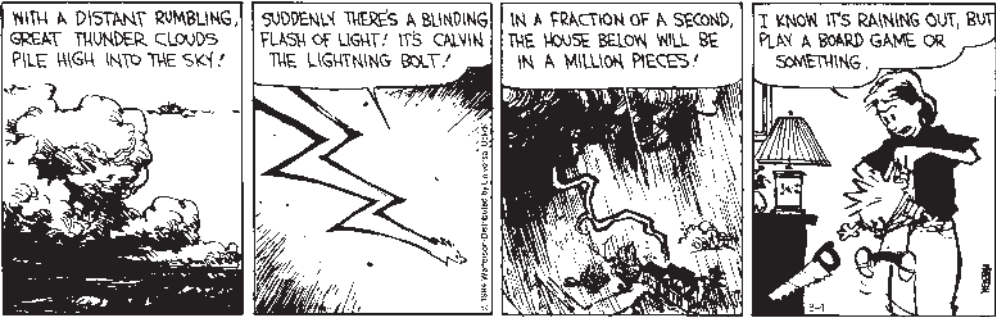
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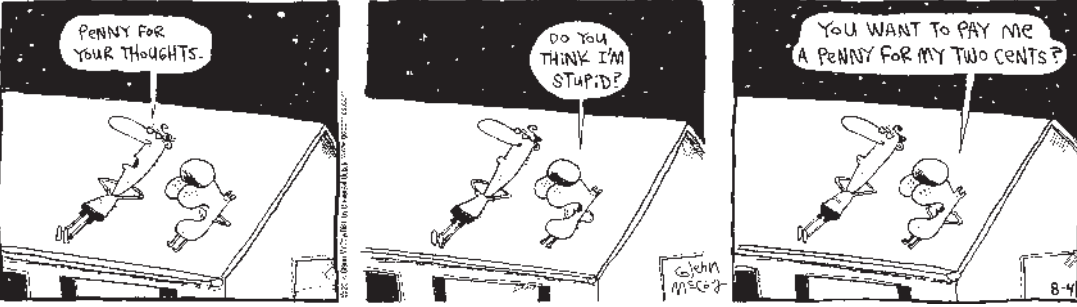
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ACROSS

1 "Zip-a-Dee-Do-—" in the ER

4 Canonized figure

9 Corn castoff

12 Praise in verse

13 Academy Award

14 Mr. Lincoln

15 Ship that came to the Titanic's rescue

17 Director Howard

18 Gold, in Granada

19 Walked unevenly

21 More risqué

24 — gin fizz

25 Carte lead-in

26 Party bowlful

28 Composer's creations

31 John Irving hero

33 DDE opponent

DOWN

5 Leg, slangily

1 "What's up, —?"

2 Okla-homa city

3 That girl

4 Took to the skies

5 Oregon port city

6 German pronoun

7 Symbols of hardness

8 Falls behind

9 Woodworker

10 Reed instrument

11 Flex

16 Luau side dish

20 Cattle comments

21 Sitarist's rendition

22 "Oh, woe!"

23 HOV lane user

27 Cribbage scorer

29 Chess or checkers

30 Poker variety

32 Mani- —

34 South-of-the-border shawls

37 Imp

39 Really bother

42 Theater floor

44 Sternward

45 Old Dead Sea kingdom

46 Verdi opera

50 Genetic matter

51 Huge

52 Gardner of Hollywood

53 Workout venue

Solution time: 26 mins.

Friday's answer 8-4

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kurt Busch, 36; Jeff Gordon, 43; Daniel Dae Kim, 46; Billy Bob Thornton, 59.

Happy Birthday: This is a year of reflection, decision-making and moving on. Exaggeration, living in the past and any sort of indulgence, mentally, physically and financially, must be avoided. Don't let things slide when you should be pulling everything together, making strides to reach your current goal and stabilizing your future. Don't let demands being made stand between you and your happiness. Your numbers are 4, 13, 21, 26, 33, 40, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Explore new avenues. Sign up for networking events that will help broaden your outlook regarding future trends. Refuse to let an emotional situation cause stress. Build up your immune system by setting up a regimented routine consisting of exercise and good nutrition. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Frustration will set in if you try to do the impossible. Treat others with respect and make sure you get the same in return. Choose your battles wisely. Put more emphasis on what you can do to help others. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A surprise will make your day. Engage in activities and events that you find mentally stimulating. Contributions that will lead to a better future, surroundings or environment should be your focus. Refuse to argue with someone trying to make you look bad. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make a few changes that will make your life easier. Don't wait until you are forced

to do something. Take control and make the experience one of joy. Romance is on the rise and making plans will bring you closer to someone special. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will face opposition. Make sure you fully understand what's expected of you before you jump into a situation that will influence how or where you live. Change can be good, but only if it improves your current situation. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will learn a lot if you listen and observe. Let what you experience guide you in a direction that will help you advance. A romantic relationship will be enhanced if you do something to help the one you love. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't make decisions based on what others want. Step back, look at the big picture and follow through with the plans that will ensure that you get what you want. Show everyone what you are capable of doing. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Refrain from taking anything for granted. Disappointment will prevail if you don't take care of your physical, financial or emotional needs. Put innovative plans into play and avoid letting others railroad you in the wrong direction. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put all your efforts into being your best. Financial gains can be made if you invest in personal change. Making a residential move will be beneficial in the end. Don't go overboard helping others. Put your needs first. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A chance to get closer to someone you love is apparent, but don't mix business with pleasure. Don't be daunted if someone makes a last-minute change. Do what works best for you and keep moving forward. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let your emotions lead you in the wrong direction. Fight back with honesty and integrity if someone uses emotional blackmail. Focus on positive relationships, not connections to people who make your life difficult. A business partnership will pay off. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Follow through with your plans. Put your money into something that will help you develop your skills and control your future. Love is on the rise and personal plans can be made. Don't let business connections disrupt your relationship with someone special. *****

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★ 8/04

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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

5	7	3	2	4	6	1	8	9
1	2	6	9	8	5	7	4	3
9	8	4	1	7	3	5	6	2
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2	4	9	8	5	1	6	3	7
8	3	5	7	6	4	9	2	1
6	1	7	3	2	9	4	5	8

Difficulty Level *****

WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

DENTAL CROWNS Solution: 7 letters

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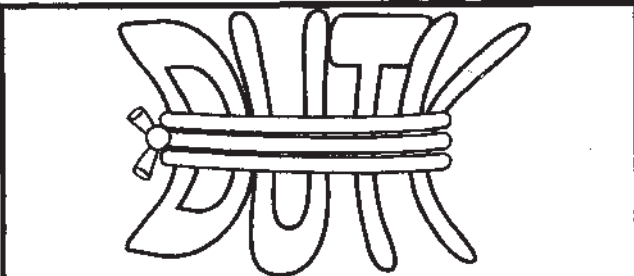
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George's broken leg leaves US, Pacers reeling



NEW YORK (AP)—Paul George's broken right leg has left two teams reeling.

The U.S. men's national team, too emotional to finish the exhibition game it was playing when George suffered the gruesome injury Friday night, had to shift its focus away from the World Cup of Basketball to thinking about an injured teammate.

The Indiana Pacers, a round short of the NBA Finals the last two years, were left pondering a season without their best player.

"This is a tough blow for not only USA Basketball, but for the Indiana Pacers," USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo said.

Both were thinking only of George, who remained at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas after surgery to repair an open tibia-fibula fracture. He was expected to remain hospitalized for about three days and the Pacers hope he can return to Indianapolis next week, though it will be months, perhaps a year, before he can return to the court.

"Any discussion regarding the future of our team would be inappropriate at this time," Pacers President Larry Bird said in a statement. "Our focus is solely on Paul and doing whatever we can to help."

George's loss comes on the heels of Lance Stephenson's departure to Charlotte in free agency, leaving Indiana without its two most versatile players. The



In this photo provided by the Las Vegas News Bureau, Indiana Pacers' Paul George is carted off the court after breaking his right leg during the USA Basketball Showcase intrasquad game in Las Vegas on Friday, Aug. 1, 2014.

Pacers had the Eastern Conference's best record last season at 56-26 and could have been the favorite to reach the NBA Finals after LeBron James' departure from Miami if they could have brought their core back.

Now, they could struggle just

to stay in the playoff picture in the toughened-up East. James' arrival in Cleveland, with Kevin Love perhaps still to come, could make the Cavaliers the team to beat. Or it could be Chicago, with Derrick Rose looking back in form after another surgery

while playing for the Americans this week and with Pau Gasol joining the Bulls next season.

Washington and Toronto figure to keep building after their playoff appearances last season, Miami rebounded well after losing James to keep a competitive team together, and the Pacers without George might not be as good as any of them.

"There is no question about the impact on our team but our goal is to be as strong-willed

and determined as Paul will be in coming back," Bird said. "Our franchise has had setbacks in its history but has demonstrated the abilities to recover. Paul will provide the example of that off the court and it is up to the rest of us to provide that example on the court."

The U.S. team will try to do the same, but the Americans aren't ready to move forward yet.

They were putting on a good show for the fans in Las Vegas,

then were going to get down to business Saturday. The roster would be trimmed from 20 to about 14 or 15 finalists, and those who made the cut would return when the team resumed practice on Aug. 14 in Chicago.

Plans changed after George's right leg smashed into the basket stanchion and crumpled as he was trying to block James Harden's fast-break layup. He was taken off on a stretcher as teammates watched, all too upset to talk afterward. Colangelo said roster decisions would wait, even with the tournament opener in exactly four weeks away.

"We just need to step away," he said.

The Americans are better equipped to overcome George's loss, with a deep roster that might still be the best in the world even without the All-Star forward who figured to start.

The bigger impact for the Americans could come in the future, if fear of injuries causes top players to decline to play. Some NBA executives have long argued against the risk of having their players compete in international tournaments, though Colangelo points to its benefits, noting how players such as Rose and Dwyane Wade had their best seasons after suiting up for the U.S.

Bird, who played on the 1992 Dream Team, made clear where the Pacers stood.

"We still support USA Basketball and believe in the NBA's goals of exposing our game, our teams and players worldwide," he said. "This is an extremely unfortunate injury that occurred on a highly visible stage, but could also have occurred anytime, anywhere."

Garcia clings to 3-shot lead over McIlroy



AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Sergio Garcia was in the trees left of the 18th fairway, looking through a gap in the branches to find a way out.

Ahead of him was Rory McIlroy, giving his 35-foot birdie putt a little body English before it fell for birdie.

Garcia never lost command of the Bridgestone Invitational on Saturday, even after a storm delay of just over three hours. He started with a three-shot lead, stretched it to six shots at one point and closed with three good pars for a 3-under 67, three shots ahead of McIlroy.

The Spaniard just lost a small measure of comfort.

McIlroy, coming off a wire-to-wire win in the British Open, might be the last player anyone wants to see right behind.

"I've got to keep doing the same thing, make sure that I have good confidence in myself, that I play nicely, and then see what happens," Garcia said. "If Rory comes out, or whoever is behind us comes out, and get crazy like I did on Friday, then it is what it is. But hopefully, I'll be able to play well again and be all the way up there tomorrow."

Garcia, who seized control with a career-best 61 on Friday, was at 14-under 196.

McIlroy birdied his last two holes for the second straight day for a 66, and he got his wish - a spot in the final group.

Sunday is set up as a replay of The Open - only with the roles reversed.

McIlroy had a six-shot lead going into the final round at Hoylelake. Garcia, playing in the group ahead, made a spirited run at McIlroy and got within two shots late in the round until he faltered and Boy Wonder pulled away.

"Obviously, Rory is playing great, and we get along nicely as of right now," Garcia said. "I think we're both excited about it. We're definitely going to play hard. It will be nice to see if I can do the same thing he did to me a couple of weeks ago. So we'll see."

This time, it's McIlroy who has to chase.

"My goal today was to try and get in the final group," McIlroy said. "Sergio didn't quite have that luxury of seeing what I was doing on the last. It will be nice to play alongside him tomorrow and at least keep an eye on what's going on. Try to apply a bit of pressure when

I can, but just really looking forward to getting in there and having another chance to win a tournament so soon after what happened at Hoylelake."

Rickie Fowler also was in the hunt at Hoylelake, though he took himself out of the picture on the final hole. He went from the left trees to a plugged lie in the bunker, having to brace his right good against the side of a hill. He left it in the bunker and wound up with a double bogey for a 72, putting him 10 shots behind.

This isn't a two-man race for a World Golf Championship title.

Marc Leishman had a 68 and was five shots behind, while Adam Scott returned from the rain delay carrying only his long putter, the only weapon he needed to convert one last birdie for a 65 that at least left him with a slim chance. He was six shots behind, along with Keegan Bradley (68) and Justin Rose (70).

The race won't feature defending champion Tiger Woods. The eight-time winner at Firestone made only one birdie on Saturday—he failed to o birdie a par 5 for the second straight day—and shot 72. He was 15 shots behind.

Reed brings the emotion, Strahan laughs at HOF



CANTON, Ohio (AP)—Andre Reed delivered the emotion and managed to hook

up for one more catch from Jim Kelly on the Pro Football Hall of Fame stage.

And leave it to Michael Strahan and his familiar gap-toothed grin to bring the laughs in closing the ceremony honoring the seven inductees Saturday night.

The defensive end cracked he was still a little scared of former New York Giants teammate Lawrence Taylor. Strahan singled out former Philadelphia tackle Jon Runyan in the crowd and referred to him as his toughest opponent and "350 pounds of twisted steel and non-sex appeal."

And Strahan even had a kiss blown to him on stage from Kelly Ripa, his morning TV show co-host.

"Thank you, baby," he said.

Strahan, one of the game's most dominant pass-rushers, closed the ceremony that ended just before midnight - nearly two hours later than scheduled.

The ceremony went so late

that Strahan noted that it was past his bedtime and joked that if the event lasted any longer he and his fellow inductees would be considered the 2015 class.

Also inducted were offensive tackle Walter Jones, linebacker Derrick Brooks, defensive back Aeneas Williams, defensive end Claude Humphrey and Ray Guy, who became the first full-time punter to be selected.

It was Reed, the former Buffalo Bills receiver, who stole the spotlight by closing his induction speech with a poignant surprise.

Turning his back to the crowd, Reed caught a pass from Kelly before sharing a lengthy hug with his former teammate and now fellow Hall of Famer.

It was a fitting finish for a tandem that set a then-NFL record by hooking up 663 times in Buffalo. And it was a moment that paid homage to the quarterback, who has spent the past 14 months battling cancer.

"You taught us not to quit," Reed said about Kelly. "You have endured a lot in your life. The loss of your son, and most recently

your battle with cancer. You're an inspiration to all you touch."

Kelly was near tears, and the thousands of Bills fans in the crowd cheered.

Even louder cheers went up when Reed delivered a message to any Bills prospective ownership group having an intention of buying and relocating the franchise.

"Oh yeah, and the Bills will stay in Buffalo, too," Reed said.

The Bills are on the block after founder and Hall of Fame owner Ralph Wilson died in March.

The ceremony began with Brooks, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers star, who was selected for induction in his first year of eligibility, and followed by the 70-year-old Humphrey, who retired after the 1981 season.

"Now they tell me I only had 10 minutes up here, but let me start off by telling you that I've waited 30 years to get to this podium, so don't rush me guys," said Humphrey, a six-time Pro Bowl selection who split 13 NFL seasons between the Atlanta Falcons and Philadelphia Eagles.

No-hit duel into 7th, deGrom tops Peavy



NEW YORK
(AP) — Jacob deGrom out-

pitched Jake Peavy in a tantalizing hitless duel that carried into the seventh inning Saturday night before the New York Mets broke loose and beat the San Francisco Giants 4-2.

Pablo Sandoval doubled off deGrom with two outs in the top of the seventh for the game's first hit.

Peavy was perfect until Daniel Murphy hit a one-out double into the bottom of the seventh on a ball that left fielder Michael Morse misjudged. The Mets went on to score four runs to back deGrom (6-5), and the rookie won win his fifth straight start.

Peavy (1-11) lost his 11th decision in a row, a streak that started with Boston.

This was the second time this season that a game didn't have any hits until there were two outs in the top of the seventh inning. Milwaukee's Matt Garza and Atlanta's Aaron Harang each had their no-hit bids broken up in the seventh on April 2.

Peavy had never taken a no-hit try past 5 1-3 innings, but the 2007 NL Cy Young Award winner was dealing in his second start for San Francisco.

Murphy's double came soon after there was a brief delay when Sandoval ran into the third base railing chasing a foul ball.

Morse took his first step in on Murphy's line drive and couldn't recover, setting off the Mets' four-run inning. Travis d'Arnaud had a sacrifice fly, Juan Lagares hit an RBI single and Wilmer Flores added a two-run double.

Athletics 8, Royals 3

In Oakland, Jon Lester won his Oakland debut while pitching into the seventh inning and Jonny Gomes got two hits during an eight-run burst in his return to the Athletics as they beat Kansas City.

Two days after being traded from the sagging World Series champion Boston Red Sox, Lester (11-7) and Gomes teamed up to boost the club with the best record in baseball.

Lester gave up three runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Back with the AL West-leading A's, Gomes delivered in an eight-run fifth inning. He singled and scored off Jason Vargas (8-5), then hit a hit a two-run single off Aaron Crow.

Cardinals 9, Brewers 7

In St. Louis, Kolten Wong broke out of a slump with a home run and three RBIs and Justin Masterson won his St. Louis debut as the Cardinals beat Milwaukee.

St. Louis, which had lost three of its previous four, moved two games behind first-



New York Mets center fielder Juan Lagares (12) jumps to catch a ball hit by San Francisco Giants' Brandon Belt for an out in the second inning of a baseball game Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, in New York.

place Milwaukee in the NL Central.

Wong, who entered the contest mired in a 6 for 36 skid, went 3 for 5.

Masterson (1-0) gave up five runs on seven hits over six innings. He was acquired from Cleveland on Wednesday for minor league outfielder James Ramsey.

Trevor Rosenthal recorded his 33rd save in 37 opportunities.

Former Cardinals starter Kyle Lohse (11-6) took the loss.

Nationals 11, Phillies 0

In Washington, Anthony Rendon homered and drove in four runs, Jordan Zimmermann pitched seven strong innings and the Washington Nationals routed Philadelphia.

Philadelphia starter A.J. Burnett (6-11) and manager Ryne Sandberg didn't last long. Both were ultimately ejected when Burnett motioned and yelled toward plate umpire Chris Guccione after a ball call during Washington's four-run second inning.

Zimmermann (7-5) held

the Phillies to five singles and struck eight without a walk for his 50th career win, and first since June 30th.

Marlins 2, Reds 1, 10 innings

In Miami, Christian Yelich's RBI single in the 10th inning lifted the Miami Marlins over Cincinnati.

The Marlins snapped a three-game losing streak overall and a seven-game skid to the Reds.

Jeff Mathis hit a leadoff double in the 10th against Sam LeCure (1-3), advanced on a sacrifice by Reed Johnson and scored on Yelich's hit.

Mike Dunn (9-5) struck out two batters in the top of the 10th after Chris Heisey delivered a pinch-hit triple.

Pirates 8, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Andrew McCutchen drove in the go-ahead run with an infield single in the eighth inning, then was hit by a pitch in the ninth as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat Arizona.

McCutchen's single off Andy Marte's glove keyed a four-run eighth that made it 5-1.

The next inning, McCutchen was hit squarely in the back by a pitch from reliever Randall Delgado with a 2-0 count, one out and runners on second and third.

McCutchen stayed in the game and eventually scored. The NL MVP was plunked a day after Pirates reliever Ernesto Frieri hit Diamondbacks star Paul Goldschmidt in the left hand, causing a fracture that put him on the disabled list.

Jared Hughes (6-2) got the win with a scoreless seventh inning. Brad Ziegler (4-2) took the loss.

Tigers 11, Rockies 5

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera, Victor Martinez and J.D. Martinez homered and the Detroit Tigers beat Colorado.

The Tigers in all eight innings in which they batted. Alex Avila and Ian Kinsler each added three hits.

Rick Porcello (13-5) struck out 10 and tied teammate Max Scherzer for the AL lead in wins.

Tyler Matzek (2-6) allowed eight runs and 10 hits in 4-plus innings.

Mariners 6, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Robinson Cano hit a three-run homer, Dustin Ackley had a solo shot and the Seattle Mariners got an effective outing from their bullpen to beat Baltimore.

Cano was 2 for 23 lifetime against Miguel Gonzalez (5-6) before connecting in the fifth inning to put the Mariners up 4-1. It was his eighth home run of the year.

Caleb Joseph homered and Manny Machado had three hits for the Orioles, whose previous seven games were decided by one run.

Relievers Dominic Leone (4-2), Brandon Maurer, Yoervis Medina, Charlie Furbush and Fernando Rodney combined for 4 2-3 innings of four-hit ball.

Twins 8, White Sox 6

In Chicago, Trevor Plouffe got four hits and the Minnesota Twins stopped Jose Abreu, rallying past the Chicago White Sox to end a three-game skid.

Abreu's hitting streak ended at 21 games, longest in the AL this season. He went 0 for 3 with two walks, one of them intentional.

The Cuban rookie, who leads the majors with 31 home runs, had reached base in 10 straight plate appearances before he popped up in the first inning.

Plouffe doubled twice and drove in two runs. Adam Eaton hit three doubles and a single for Chicago.

Ryan Pressly (1-0) won and Glen Perkins pitched the ninth for his 27th save in 30 chances.

Yankees 6, Red Sox 4

In Boston, Derek Jeter had a two-run double, Mark Teixeira hit a solo homer and New York's bullpen worked 4 1-3 solid innings, leading the Yankees over Boston.

Stephen Drew, acquired from the Red Sox on Thursday, added an RBI double as the Yankees won for just the second time in six games.

Mike Napoli had a two-run homer for the Red Sox, who won the series opener but have dropped nine of 11.

Yoenis Cespedes, acquired from Oakland before Thursday's non-waiver trade deadline for left-hander Jon Lester and outfielder Jonny Gomes, made his Red Sox debut and went 1 for 4 with a single.

Shawn Kelley (2-3) pitched 1 1-3 innings of hitless relief and David Robertson got his 28th save.

Rays 10, Angels 3

In St. Petersburg, Evan Longoria hit a two-run homer, Ben Zobrist got four hits and the Tampa Bay Rays roughed up C.J. Wilson and the Los Angeles Angels.

Longoria put the Rays up 2-0

with his 13th homer of the season, connecting in the first off Wilson (8-7). Longoria became the first Tampa Bay player to reach 600 career RBIs.

Wilson gave up six runs in 1 1-3 innings. He made his first start since July 9 because of a sprained right ankle.

Chris Archer (7-6) struck out nine over six innings.

Astros 8, Blue Jays 2

In Houston, Jon Singleton wound up with an inside-the-park home run after a call was reversed on video replay, Chris Carter and Jason Castro also homered, and the Houston Astros beat Toronto.

Brett Oberholtzer (4-7) pitched seven strong innings and Jose Altuve scored the go-ahead run on back-to-back throwing errors by Toronto.

Singleton drove in L.J. Hoes in the eighth before getting called out on the tag at home plate. The Astros appealed the call and had it reversed upon review.

The Astros have homered in nine consecutive games. They led the American League in home runs in July with 32.

R.A. Dickey (9-11) was tagged for five runs on nine hits over seven-plus innings.

Indians 2, Rangers 0

In Cleveland, Lonnie Chisenhall and Nick Swisher delivered run-scoring singles in the sixth inning, and five pitchers combined on a five-hitter, leading the Cleveland Indians past Texas.

Scott Atchison (4-0) pitched 1 2-3 innings and worked out of a two-on, no-out jam in the sixth.

Cody Allen pitched a shaky ninth for his 14th save.

Texas starter Miles Mikolas (1-4) allowed two runs in seven innings.

Dodgers 5, Cubs 2

In Los Angeles, Tsuyoshi Wada kept pace with mound opponent Hyun-Jin Ryu into the sixth inning and was lifted by manager Rick Renteria after 103 pitches in his fourth major league start.

Wada allowed two runs and six hits over 5 2-3 and struck out six. The bullpen did an admirable job after the left-hander departed - until the 12th inning, when Blake Parker gave up a three-run homer to Hanley Ramirez in a 5-2 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers on Saturday night.

Wada was coming off his first big league victory, a 4-1 decision against Colorado at Wrigley Field on Monday. He held the Dodgers to a pair of singles over the first three innings before Matt Kemp's followed a leadoff walk to Ramirez with his 12th homer of the season and fourth in five games.

Record crowd sees Man United vs Real Madrid

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—Manchester United thrilled a record crowd with a brilliant opening goal—and even Cristiano Ronaldo’s unexpected entrance proved futile for Real Madrid.

Ashley Young scored twice in the first half, and United beat Madrid 3-1 on Saturday in front of 109,318 fans at Michigan Stadium. It was the largest crowd to see a soccer game in the United States, breaking the mark of 101,799 set at the Rose Bowl for the 1984 Olympic final.

Ronaldo has been recovering from the left leg injury that limited him in the World Cup, but the world player of the year came on surprisingly as a 74th-minute substitute, although he didn’t have much impact.

“His condition is improving,” manager Carlo Ancelotti said. “I think that he needs another week to train with the teammates, and then I think he will be ready for the first game of the season.”

United remained unbeaten this year in the International Champions Cup, advancing to the final of the preseason tour-



Real Madrid plays Manchester United during a Guinness International Champions Cup soccer match at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich., Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014.

namment under new manager Louis van Gaal. Javier Hernandez added a goal in the second half for the English power.

Gareth Bale scored for Real Madrid, but the European champions finished winless in three matches in the event.

Although United will play Liverpool in Monday night’s final in Miami, this was probably the tournament’s marquee

match, with two of the game’s most storied clubs playing at one of the largest and most iconic venues in the U.S.

“That was incredible,” United’s Michael Keane said. “Obviously, it is the biggest crowd I’ve ever played in front of, and it is for a friendly in the States. I’ve always heard they don’t care for our football, but there were 109,000 people out there. That’s pretty crazy anywhere in the world.”

Young’s first goal was the highlight. Wayne Rooney flicked a clever back-heel to Darren Fletcher, who found Danny Welbeck in the middle, near the edge of the penalty area. Welbeck played Young in on the left, and his low shot beat goalkeeper Iker Casillas.

“It was a fantastic goal,” van Gaal said. “All the team has touched the ball, I think. Only for that goal, you come to the stadium.”

Bale equalized in the 27th minute, converting a penalty kick after being pulled down by Keane.

Young put United back ahead in the 37th minute, playing a long cross in from the left. Casillas had to maintain his position near the middle of the net because Rooney was a threat to head the ball - but instead it sailed past the star striker and bounced in at the far post.

Hernandez made it 3-1 in the 80th minute, heading past Casillas from close range off a fine cross from Shinji Kagawa.

United is hoping to bounce back from a seventh-place finish in England last season - the team did not even qualify for the second-tier Europa League. Van Gaal is taking over after leading the Netherlands to the semifinals of the World Cup.

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all, I did well,” said Kim, who stretched her streak in TOC to sixth and has won the Ladies Flight seven times, moving her two victories away from tying the record of veteran golfer Noriko Togawa.

The back-to-back RMAC (Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference) Player of the Year began the last round of the tournament with an impressive 6-under par 30 in the first nine holes before closing out with a 3-over par 39 in the last nine. In the first round last Saturday, Kim was pretty consistent, tallying 36s on both nines for an even par 72.

“I felt like I should have gone under par, too in the first round,

but I made a couple of mistakes in the last few holes. However, I still felt good after the first round and concentrated more in today’s game,” said Kim, who was already ahead by 10 strokes against Peterson (82) after the first round.

The 3-under 69 the Colorado State University-Pueblo standout registered was her second best at TOC, as she posted a 7-under par 65 in the 2011 competition to get her third straight (fourth overall then) Ladies Flight crown. She logged the best record in the first round of the 2011 tournament to keep the lead and the victory despite struggling in the final round after tying Noriko’s score of 74.

Noriko’s daughter, Yuko,

joined Kim and Peterson in the Top 3 in the Ladies Flight low gross, as the younger Togawa posted a 21-under par 165. She set an 85 in the first round before finishing strong with an 80 in yesterday’s second round.

Noriko was fourth in the low gross and third in the low net after registering 147.6. Noriko sported a 9.6 handicap and shot an 85 and 83 in the first and second rounds to place behind Chang Hee Yoo and Mi Ae Jeon. Yoo, who had a 10.8 handicap, also had a net 147.6 and duplicated Noriko’s scores in the two rounds, but won the tiebreak. Jeon carded an 86 and 83 and deducting her 13.2 handicap, she ended up with a field-best net of 146.2

Lee dethrones Poe

Meanwhile, last year’s Championship Flight Top 2 finishers Geon Ju Lee and Guam’s Daryl Poe were at it again in last weekend’s competition.

Lee went on to avenge his 2013 loss to Poe after finishing the two-round event with a 4-over par 148, just one stroke ahead of Poe (149). The Guam golfer took the 2013 crown in the centerpiece flight after edging Lee in the playoffs, making a bogey on par-4, 373-yard No. 17 hole on the east course against the double bogey of the Korean.

In yesterday’s tournament, the deciding hole was the par 5, 545-yard No. 18 on the east course. Lee birdied the last hole, while Poe only saved par, to fall short on his bid to secure back-to-back championships at TOC. The visiting golfer played catch up in the second round after firing 38s on both nines in the first round for a 4-over par 76 and a two-stroke deficit against Lee. Lee had a 1-under par on the

front nine in the first round and a 3-over par 39 on the back for a 2-over par 74 in the opening day. The eventual champion had the same scores, but his 1-over par 35 came in the last nine holes to offset his 3-over par 39 in the first and keep the upper hand against Poe.

Guam junior golfer and 14-year-old Brent Salas rounded out the Top 3 in the Championship Flight with his two-day total of 8-over par 152 (75 and 77). Jounge Hoon Park and another junior golfer Sean Lee completed the Top 5 finishers who were recognized during the awards ceremony yesterday. Park totaled 155 (77 and 78), just one shot ahead of Lee (80 and 76).

Other participants in the Championship Flight were Jason Yi (158), Shi Feng Jin (158), Adam Hardwicke (159), J.J. Atalig (160), Joji Taguchi (163), and William Retardo (166).

Meanwhile, winners in the other flights will be reported later this week.

PIC

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Babauta on its roster.

Abuy hit two early triples, while Barbo scored six points to lift PIC to an 18-12 lead after the first canto. Century/Shirley’s then inched in closer at halftime, 31-32, behind the seven straight points of John Jugos and the combined eight markers of Erick Dela Rosa and lefty gunner Fradel Sedillo.

Shirley remained afloat in the third, down by only two, as Jugos continued to hit his out-sides shots and had 10 in that quarter, while Rommel Usi contributed one triple and six markers. PIC hung on to the shaky lead after the third canto with Abuy drilling his third triple of the night. The match remained close in the fourth canto with Barbo deciding to take over, hitting seven markers in the final period to help

PIC slips past the hard-fighting Century/Shirley’s.

Jugos led Century/Shirley’s’ losing cause with his 20 points, while Sedillo chipped in 16. Quitugua and Babauta also finished in twin digits, 13 and 11, respectively, to back up Barbo, while Demapan added nine, including two free throws in the home stretch.

Meanwhile, Hyatt Regency Saipan barged into the win column after dropping its first three games, following an 80-74 victory over Kanoa Resirt (1-2).

Hyatt played better in the second half to bounce back from a double-digit deficit in the second quarter. Hyatt fell behind past the halfway mark of the second period, 35-25, but turned the tables on Kanoa in the third canto, 49-45, behind the seven points of Sahj Hossain. Hossain also provided the finishing touches in Hyatt’s win, scoring the team’s last four points on free throws to post a

game-high 30 markers. Gino Libuw also came out swinging in the majority of the final canto to foil Kanoa’s comeback bids, drilling 11 of his 17 points in the fourth frame, including a string of nine markers in that period.

First Game

Hyatt Regency 80 – Hossain 30, Libuw 17, Alipio 8, Lauron 8, Rios 6, Vargas 5, Ilemelong 3, Banghet 2.

Kanoa Resort 74 – Duenas 25, Armia 13, Usi 12, Pablo 9, Cruz 8, Villaluna 2.

Scoring by quarters: 9-15, 29-37, 49-45, 80-74.

Second Game

PIC 75 – Barbo 22, Quituga 13, Babauta 11, Demapan 9, Abuy 9, Aranda 4, Tolentino 3.

Century/Shirley’s 73 – Jugos 20, Sedillo 16, Usi 10, Dela Rosa 8, Aguilar 8, Catungal 6, Drillon 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-12, 32-31, 54-52, 75-73.

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supported and Northern Marianas Badminton Association-sanctioned tournament.

In the women’s C doubles, Nicole Malasarte and Patricia Abantao downed Emily Vargas and Judy Mendieta, 21-9, 21-9. The pairs of Vilmah Reyes and Baby Banadera, Gwynette and Janine Florento, and Roxe Lazaro and Lani Santos complete the field.

In the women’s B doubles, Christy Villaflor and Elna Curate took the long route in beating Merlie Tolentino and Santos, 18-21, 21-19, 21-12. The two protagonists are in

Pool A of the women’s B doubles, along with the tandems of Loida Ito and Shirley Kim, Obata and Fernandez and Cheng Saturno and Lucelle Lampera. Pool B has Nicole Malasarte and Abantao, Francis and Alma Ortega, Julie Lee and Sison, and Annette Ta and Elma Labuson.

In the men’s doubles division, the duos of Ariel Jinang and Ray Musada and Oh Im Bog and Yu bagged contrasting wins. Jinang and Musada rallied past A.J. Ortega and Raphael Zapanta in the C doubles, 14-21, 21-18, 21-17, while Oh and Yu waltzed past Celso Agui and Sato San, 21-10, 21-14, in the 35-and-above category.

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East Division				
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Baltimore	61	48	.560	—
Toronto	60	52	.536	2 1/2
New York	56	53	.514	5
Tampa Bay	54	56	.491	7 1/2
Boston	49	61	.445	12 1/2
Central Division				
Detroit	60	47	.561	—
Kansas City	56	53	.514	5
Cleveland	55	55	.500	6 1/2
Chicago	54	57	.486	8
Minnesota	49	60	.450	12
West Division				
Oakland	67	42	.615	—
Los Angeles	65	44	.596	2
Seattle	57	53	.518	10 1/2
Houston	46	65	.414	22
Texas	43	67	.391	24 ½
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Washington	59	49	.546	—
Atlanta	58	53	.523	2 1/2
Miami	54	56	.491	6
New York	53	57	.482	7
Philadelphia	49	62	.441	11 ½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	61	50	.550	—
Pittsburgh	59	51	.536	1 1/2
St. Louis	58	51	.532	2
Cincinnati	55	55	.500	5 1/2
Chicago	46	63	.422	14
West Division				
Los Angeles	63	48	.568	—
San Francisco	59	51	.5363	1/2
San Diego	50	60	.455	12 1/2
Arizona	48	63	.432	15
Colorado	44	66	.400	18 ½
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Chris Concepcion, center, receives the plaque of appreciation given to Delta Air Lines during the awards ceremony for the 19th Tournament of Champions yesterday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort. DFS Galleria and TOC committee officials Marian Aldan-Pierce, left, and Ben Babauta handed out the plaques to the event's sponsors.



DFS Galleria Saipan president Marian Aldan-Piece and DFS Saipan assistant manager (sales) Ben Babauta show the plaques awarded to DFS Galleria Saipan and Guam.



Jerry Tiu receives the plaque of appreciation presented to Nike Golf.



Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson gets the plaques for his company and Marianas Visitors Authority.



CNMI Hall of Famer Tony Satur, center, receives the plaque for Laolao Bay Golf Resort.



Titan Imports, Inc. managing director John Antenoracruz shows the plaque of appreciation TOC presented to his company.



A representative from Asiana Airlines receives the plaque of appreciation.



IT&E marketing manager Hans Mickelson smiles after receiving the plaque of appreciation.



Dung Tenorio gets the plaque of appreciation on behalf of Joeten Motors.



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Leina steals thunder at TOC

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Former CNMI junior golfer Leina Kim got the loudest cheers and most high-fives at the awards ceremony for the 19th Tournament of Champions yesterday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

She earned the honor for shooting a 3-under par 141—the best score among the more than 150 players who joined the tournament held over the weekend. Kim's outstanding performance featured a 3-under par 69 in the second and last round yesterday. She capped the tournament



with six birdies, 10 pars, and only two bogeys to finish way ahead of runner-up and Guam junior golfer Rachel Peterson, who carded a 19-over par 163.

"I got off to a strong start today before slowing down in the last few holes. But over-

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Leina Kim, center, poses with DFS Galleria president Marian Aldan-Pierce, left, and Titan Imports, Inc. managing director John Antenoracruz during the awards ceremony for the 19th Tournament of Champions yesterday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

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PIC nips Century/Shirley's; Hyatt finally wins

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Pacific Islands Club nosed out Century Hotel/Shirley's Coffee Shop, 75-73, in the second game in the 2014 Budweiser Inter-Hotel Basketball League last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Darwin Barbo scored 22 points for PIC, including the team's last three markers to gain their second win in three games. Shirley's absorbed its second loss also in three matches after committing an error in the closing seconds and failing to put up a decent shot at the buzzer.

Barbo's last field goal kept PIC in the lead, 74-73, and Century/Shirley's bungled a chance to grab the upper hand when it turned the ball over and committed a foul after the error.

Barbo then had a split to make it a two-point cushion, which PIC retained at the buzzer as Shirley's ran out of time to pull up for a shot.

PIC escaped with only a two-point winning margin despite being heavily favored to win the match with its talent-laden pool of players. Besides Barbo, PIC has big man Bart Demapan, promising newcomer Jake Quitugua, shooter James Abuy, quarterback Jack Aranda, and wingman Ray

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Players and supporters of Pacific Islands Club gather for a group photo after the opening ceremony of the Inter-Hotel caging last month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Singles sweeps mark opener of Shirley's Classic

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The 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic kicked off last Friday with all the singles matches ending after only two games at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the men's singles, Jordan Pangilinan, Ezekiel Macario, and Jerome Malasarte prevailed in their respective first matches, while Dianne Francisco and Janelle Pangilinan drew first blood in the women's singles.

Janelle made short work of Malou Malasarte in the women's A singles, 21-16, 21-11. Two other players are entered in the women's A singles with defending champion Hannah Choi and Lani Bartolome completing the list and drawing byes in the opening day.

In the women's B singles, Francisco also needed only two games to beat Rowena Sison, 21-18, 21-10. Francisco and Sison will battle the women's B singles crown against three others—Nicole Malasarte, Windy Fernandez, and Toshiko Obata.

In the men's B singles, Macario topped Joel Ortega, 21-18, 21-16, to enter the win column in Pool A, which also has

Aries Cordero. Edwin Montoya, John Cano, and Shintaro are in Pool B.

The men's A singles also has two pools with Jordan Pangilinan winning the open-

ing match in Pool A against Deether Edralin, 21-12, 21-20. Ferdie Arago and Jerry Hibi are the two other players in Pool A, while Pool B has Andreau Galvez, Macoi Aguda, and Glenn Bluutjens.

Meanwhile, four doubles matches were played in Day 1 of the Shirley's Coffee Shop-

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A.J. Ortega makes a backhand return to Leo Su during their men's C singles game in the opening week of the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.